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NEARBY

Over 400 trees uprooted between April and June

BENGALURU

Trees have come crashing down in Bengaluru in large numbers even before the onset of the southwest monsoon. According to data from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, over 400 trees were uprooted in the city between April and June.

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Rains claim 12 lives in State

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Heavy rains in 13 districts of Karnataka have claimed 12 lives since June 1, besides damaging crops and property. The worst-hit have been Coastal and Malnad districts, while there is a heavy rain alert for Kalaburagi on Saturday and flood alert in Belagavi in North Karnataka. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday chaired a high-level meeting and issued orders to district administration to shift people from locations that prone to landslips. There have been landslips in Dakshina Kannada and Kodagu.

13 DISTRICTS HIT ▸ PAGE 6

Former Japan PM Abe assassinated

Suspect said he had a grudge against Abe over his links with a particular organisation, say police

REUTERS
AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
NARA

Former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Japan's longest-serving leader, died on Friday after being shot while campaigning for a parliamentary election.

A man opened fire on Mr. Abe, 67, from behind with an apparently home-made gun as he spoke at a drab traffic island in the western city of Nara, Japanese media showed earlier.

It was the first assassination of a sitting or former Japanese Premier since the days of pre-war militarism in the 1930s.

Speaking before Mr. Abe's death was announced, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida condemned the shooting in the "strongest terms". Japanese people and world leaders expressed shock at the violence in a country in which political violence is rare and guns are tightly controlled.

"This attack is an act of brutality that happened during the elections – the very foundation of our democracy – and is absolutely unforgivable," said Mr. Kishida, struggling to keep his emotions in check.

A fire department official had said Mr. Abe appeared to be in a state of cardiac arrest when airlifted to hospital.

Senior police officers in Nara named the suspect as unemployed 41-year-old Tetsuya Yamagami, who said he had used a handmade gun.

"That's the suspect's assertion, and we have determined that (the gun) is clearly handmade in appearance, although our analysis is currently ongoing," an officer told reporters. "The suspect stated that he held a grudge against a particular organisation, and that he committed the crime because he believed former Prime Minister Abe had a connection to it," the officer said.

The police declined to give details of the "particular organisation", saying investigations were ongoing, but several Japanese media outlets described it as a religious group.

Officers in protective gear began searching the suspect's home and confiscated "several handmade gun-like items".

The suspect, who addressed police in a "matter-of-fact way", told officers he had worked for the Maritime Self-Defence Force – Japan's Navy – for three years from 2002, but these details are also under investigation.

Yamagami also told the police he had learned about Mr. Abe's visit online, the officers said.

Mr. Abe was making a campaign speech outside a train station when two shots rang out around 11.30 a.m. local time. Security officials were then seen tackling a man in a grey T-shirt and beige trousers.

Earlier, Kyodo news service published a photograph of Mr. Abe lying face-up on the street. People were crowded around him, one administering heart massage.

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World rattled: Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe lies on the ground after he was shot during an election campaign in Nara, western Japan, on Friday; at right, the shooter Tetsuya Yamagami being detained. • REUTERS & AP

Day of mourning today

India will observe a day of mourning for former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Saturday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, former PM Manmohan Singh and leaders across the political spectrum condoled the loss of a leader, who gave India-Japan ties a new energy.

"The National Flag will be flown at half-mast on the day of mourning throughout India and there will be no official entertainment on the day," said a Home Ministry statement. ▸ PAGE 11

Lost a dear friend: Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a blog post, recalled his interactions with former Japanese PM Shinzo Abe. "Japan and the world have lost a great visionary. And, I have lost a dear friend," writes Mr. Modi. ▸ PAGE 11

SC grants interim bail to Zubair in U.P. case

But he is still in custody in Delhi case

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday granted Mohammed Zubair, co-founder of the fact-checking website Alt News, interim bail in a case registered by the Uttar Pradesh Police accusing him of insulting religious feelings.

But Mr. Zubair may not immediately walk out of jail. According to Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, who appeared for the State of Uttar Pradesh, he is in judicial custody on the orders of a Delhi court in a separate case.

A Vacation Bench of Justices Indira Banerjee and J.K. Maheshwari stressed the bail had been granted only in the case registered at Sitapur in Uttar Pradesh. "This court is not concerned at this stage with any FIR other than FIR No. 0226 dated June 1, 2022 lodged at Police Station Khairabad, Sitapur, which is the subject matter of these proceedings," the order read.

The top court directed that the interim bail would be alive for five days from July 8 or until further orders by a regular Bench before which the case would come up next on July 12.

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₹132 cr. for shoes, socks for schoolchildren

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Under fire for not releasing funds for shoes and socks for students in government and government-aided schools, the State government on Friday approved ₹132 crore to procure and distribute them through School Development and Monitoring Committees (SDMCs).

This will benefit 46.37 lakh children across Karnataka studying in Classes from I to X. Depending on the local conditions, SDMCs can decide to buy sandals instead of one pair of black shoes and two pairs of socks. Minister for School Education and Literacy B.C. Nagesh announced this on Friday, nearly two months after schools reopened. Uniforms are also yet to reach them, with tenders being floated only recently.

Controversial remark

Mr. Nagesh's comment on the issue earlier this week had drawn the ire of many.

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GETTY IMAGES

Spearheading a change

Neeraj Chopra has transformed the way the world looks at Indian javelin throwers. And he has inspired a group of young compatriots to attempt to follow in his footsteps

STAN RAYAN

The World Athletics Championships begin in about a week's time at Oregon, USA, but almost all of the planet's big spearmen appear to be rather quiet.

German Johannes Vetter, the second best javelin thrower in history with his 97.76m in 2020, made the biggest noise last year with a series of 90-plus throws, including a season-best 96.29. But he is down with a shoulder problem, having managed only 85.64m in his lone competition this year, and has pulled out of the Worlds.

Germans occupy two of the top three rungs, and four of the top 10, in javelin's all-time list, but the silver and bronze medals in their national championship recently went for just 77.35 and 76.33m.

Surprisingly, Indians came up with much bigger throws for the equivalent medals – Rohit Yadav (silver, 82.54m), Yashvir Singh (bronze, 78.62) in the recent inter-State Nationals in Chennai, with D.P. Manu (84.35) taking gold. All three have achieved their personal bests in the last couple of months.

Even Grenada's Anderson Peters, the defending World champion and this year's world leader, has been inconsistent this season, producing a personal best 93.07m one day (May 13) and then hitting a horrible low of 71.94 a month later.

Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra, however, has thrown up one pleasant surprise after another. Just as many wondered how he would start the year after taking a long break and skipping many prominent meets after the Tokyo stunner, he bettered his national record twice in a fortnight in June, moving very close to the magical 90m mark with an 89.94m effort at the Stockholm Diamond League. With this, he is No. 3 on the world list this season.

> **We expect that Neeraj will be between 90 and 92m at the Worlds and in the CWG ... We have a very good javelin bunch. In the next few years, you will find only javelin throwers crossing 80m qualifying for the final [of the Nationals]**
>
> RADHAKRISHNAN NAIR
> Chief national coach

And it looks like the world has changed magically in a year's time. For the first time in history, an Indian will begin as hot favourite for the gold at an athletics Worlds! With his cool calm and quiet confidence, the 24-year-old from Khandra village in Haryana's Panipat has transformed the way the world looks at Indians in the sport.

He has also made Indian athletics think big.

"We expect that Neeraj will be between 90 and 92m at the Worlds and in the Commonwealth Games [in Birmingham, from July 28]," says chief national coach Radhakrishnan Nair. "Of course, we have only a few days' gap between the Worlds and the Commonwealth."

A blessing

The postponement of the Asian Games, earlier scheduled to be held in Hangzhou, China, in September, to next year has been a blessing. Athletes will not have to peak thrice this year.

"Earlier, we had block periodisation with multiple peaking. But now, with the Asian Games postponed, we have immediately changed to double periodisation, or double peaking," said the chief coach.

"Klaus' [Bartonietz, Chopra's coach from Germany] planning is very good. He started his training in February, so he didn't want Neeraj to start competing in May [in the Doha Diamond League]. Had he gone to Doha, the general preparation period would have been very less."

With Chopra hitting new highs, javelin throw is in the spotlight now. And Radhakrishnan feels that there is a nice group getting ready to follow in his footsteps.

"We have a very good javelin bunch. In the coming years, you will find one like the 400m. Eleven ran below 47s in the men's 400 [at the recent inter-State Nationals], only eight could get into the final," said Radhakrishnan.

"You can just rewind about five years when even 47.5 and 48s quartermilers used to qualify for the final.

"In the next few years, you will find only javelin throwers crossing 80m qualifying for the final. Now we have three youngsters – D.P. Manu (84.35m), Rohit Yadav (82.54) and Yashvir Singh (82.13) doing 80-plus."

All three have entered India's all-time top-10 list. A fourth youngster, Sahil Silwal (now recovering from an oblique muscle tear), is also in the top 10 with last year's 80.65m.

Two at the Worlds

However only two, Chopra and Rohit, have made it to the Oregon Worlds. Manu – the best Indian thrower behind Chopra this year and No. 13 in the world list – was unlucky to miss the Worlds after ending up on the 35th rung in the 'Road to Oregon' rankings (only 32 can make it), but his coach Kashinath Naik feels he will start producing the big throws soon.

"The main target is 85m in the Commonwealth Games. Next year, we will be targeting 85-plus consistently in all competitions. And in the 2024 Olympics, Manu's goal will be to throw more than 90m and target a medal," said Naik, the 2010 New Delhi Commonwealth Games javelin bronze medallist, who feels that India should offer more international competitions for its young throwers and also host an international javelin throw league every year with the world's best competing here.

While all that sounds very exciting, the stunning progress has also raised eyebrows. For, javelin throw, just like the quartermile and the relays, has a tainted past in India.

Five of the country's all-time top-10 – No. 2 and Asian silver medallist Shivpal Singh (personal best 86.23m), No. 3 Davinder Singh Kang (PB 84.57, finalist at the 2017 Worlds), No. 5 Rohit Yadav (82.54), No. 6 Vipin Kasana (82.51) and No. 7 Rajender Singh (82.23, national record holder before Chopra) – have all failed dope tests at some point in their career.

Is it possible that India's javelin throwers are trying illegal means to get close to Chopra? "I have no comments on that," said Radhakrishnan. Still, the going looks good, but the Worlds and the Commonwealth Games will give an inkling of how good it really is.

D.P. Manu (Personal best: 84.35m)

Rohit Yadav (Personal best: 82.54m)

Yashvir Singh (Personal best: 82.13m)

The world beyond 90m

A look at where Neeraj Chopra's javelins could be headed

STAN RAYAN

With his recent 89.94m at the Stockholm Diamond League, Neeraj Chopra is now just six centimetres away from the magical 90m mark. What will he be throwing at his peak?

That's a future many would like to peep into.

The late Garry Calvert, the Australian coach who moulded Chopra's career and guided him to the under-20 World Championships gold in 2016, had revealed five years ago that he had worked out a plan for the massive throws.

"The development plan I had would have seen Neeraj do 90m in 12 months and 92 to 95m in two years," Calvert had told this writer in May 2017 before his departure to China where he died a year later. "He is the best talent I've seen in 30 years."

Chopra himself has made it clear that while 90m remains an important target since it places him among the world's best, he is not obsessed by it. That he takes it step by step, first 90m, and the bigger throws will follow when the conditions are right.

"I've had a feeling, from 2018, that a 90m-plus throw might come any time... just don't know when it will come and am not placing any expectations on myself," he said recently.

While Chopra's coach Klaus Bartonietz has kept everything under wraps for the time being, chief national coach Radhakrishnan Nair feels Chopra will uncork some very big ones in a couple of years.

"In javelin throw, the best performance comes around 26 or 27, after about 8000 to 10,000 training hours. Neeraj is 24 so by 2024 we can expect 96-plus throws. Of course, I can't say what is going to happen in between but as per progression he can go to 95-plus in 2024."

Former Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Kashinath Naik puts the number a little lower.

"Neeraj's confidence is high and if he continues training well, he can do 92 to 93m," he said.

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	PLAYER	AGE	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Daniil Medvedev	26	7,955	21
2	Alexander Zverev	25	7,030	19
3	Novak Djokovic	35	6,770	12
4	Rafael Nadal	36	6,525	10
5	Stefanos Tsitsipas	23	5,150	25
6	Casper Ruud	23	5,050	27
7	Carlos Alcaraz	19	4,890	19
8	Andrey Rublev	24	3,870	25
9	Felix Auger-Aliassime	21	3,760	25
10	Hubert Hurkacz	25	3,735	24
11	Matteo Berrettini	26	3,480	17
12	Cameron Norrie	26	3,200	27
13	Jannik Sinner	20	3,185	28
14	Taylor Fritz	24	3,045	27
15	Diego Schwartzman	29	2,325	25

Top Indians ▸

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 169 ▲ 3 spots

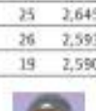
Prajnesh Gunneswaran
Rank 287 ▼ 13 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	PLAYER	AGE	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Iga Swiatek	21	8,576	16
2	Ons Jabeur	27	4,340	19
3	Anett Kontaveit	26	4,306	20
4	Paula Badosa	24	4,245	25
5	Maria Sakkari	26	4,205	21
6	Aryna Sabalenka	24	4,046	20
7	Karolina Pliskova	30	3,777	17
8	Danielle Collins	28	3,255	19
9	Jessica Pegula	28	3,156	17
10	Garbine Muguruza	28	3,015	20
11	Emma Raducanu	19	2,952	23
12	Coco Gauff	18	2,886	17
13	Daria Kasatkina	25	2,645	21
14	Barbora Krejcikova	26	2,593	17
15	Leylah Fernandez	19	2,590	22

Top Indians ▸

Ankita Raina
Rank 360 ▲ 2 spots



Rutuja Bhosale
Rank 455 ▼ 3 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	DRIVER	TEAM	POINTS	WINS
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing	181	6
2	Sergio Perez	Red Bull Racing	147	1
3	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	138	2
4	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	127	1
5	George Russell	Mercedes	111	0
6	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	93	0
7	Lando Norris	McLaren	58	0
8	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	46	0
9	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	39	0
10	Fernando Alonso	Alpine	28	0
11	Pierre Gasly	AlphaTauri	16	0
12	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	16	0
13	Sebastian Vettel	Aston Martin	15	0
14	Daniel Ricciardo	McLaren	15	0
15	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	11	0
16	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	5	0
17	Mick Schumacher	Haas	4	0
18	Alex Albon	Williams	3	0
19	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	3	0
20	Nicholas Latifi	Williams	0	0
21	Nico Hulkenberg	Aston Martin	0	0

Max Verstappen

Sergio Perez

F1 Constructors' standings

POS	TEAM	POINTS	WINS	PODIUMS
1	Red Bull	328	7	13
2	Ferrari	265	3	10
3	Mercedes	204	0	6
4	McLaren	73	0	1
5	Alpine	67	0	0
6	Alfa Romeo	51	0	0
7	AlphaTauri	27	0	0
8	Haas	20	0	0
9	Aston Martin	18	0	0
10	Williams	3	0	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	PLAYER	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Viktor Axelsen	121,606	41
2	Kento Momota	112,704	29
3	Anders Antonsen	98,300	37
4	Chou Tien Chen	93,776	40
5	Lee Zii Jia	91,578	44
6	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	87,879	38
7	Chen Long	84,400	18
8	Jonatan Christie	83,512	38
9	Loh Kean Yew	77,854	34
10	Lakshya Sen	75,874	41
11	K. Srikanth	72,481	44
12	Rasmus Gemke	70,551	39
13	Ng Ka Long Angus	70,257	37
14	Kanta Tsuneyama	67,848	33
15	Lee Cheuk Yiu	66,061	37

Top Indians ▸

Lakshya Sen
Rank 10

K. Srikanth
Rank 11

Badminton Women's ranking

#	PLAYER	POINTS	EVENTS
1	Akane Yamaguchi	111,963	38
2	Tai Tzu Ying	111,645	25
3	Chen Yu Fei	103,606	29
4	An Se Young	103,603	46
5	Carolina Marin	100,380	24
6	Nozomi Okuhara	96,560	27
7	P.V. Sindhu	94,018	43
8	Ratchanok Intanon	90,749	39
9	He Bing Jiao	83,064	32
10	Pornpawee Chochuwong	78,265	44
11	Wang Zhi Yi	72,638	29
12	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	70,294	50
13	Michelle Li	70,130	41
14	Sayaka Takahashi	66,573	35
15	Mia Blichfeldt	63,819	30

Top Indians ▸

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 7

Saina Nehwal
Rank 24

Test Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Joe Root	923	923
2	Marnus Labuschagne	879	936
3	Steve Smith	826	947
4	Babar Azam	815	815
5	Rishabh Pant	801	801
6	Kane Williamson	786	919
7	Usman Khawaja	779	779
8	Dimuth Karunaratne	760	781
9	Rohit Sharma	746	813
10	Jonny Bairstow	742	772

Test Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Pat Cummins	900	914
2	R. Ashwin	842	904
3	Jasprit Bumrah	828	835
4	Shaheen Afridi	827	827
5	Kagiso Rabada	818	902
6	James Anderson	811	903
7	Kyle Jamieson	788	836
8	Kemar Roach	756	780
9	Neil Wagner	747	859
10	Josh Hazlewood	744	863

ODI Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Babar Azam	892	898
2	Imam-ul-Haq	815	815
3	Virat Kohli	811	911
4	Rohit Sharma	791	885
5	Quinton de Kock	789	813
6	Ross Taylor	775	841
7	Rassie van der Dussen	769	776
8	Jonny Bairstow	752	796
9	David Warner	737	880
10	Shai Hope	718	808

ODI Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Trent Boult	726	770
2	Matt Henry	683	691
3	Shaheen Afridi	681	688
4	Chris Woakes	680	711
5	Jasprit Bumrah	679	841
6	Josh Hazlewood	679	733
7	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	676	712
8	Mehedi Hasan	661	725
9	Mohammad Nabi	657	657
10	Shakib Al Hasan	657	717

T20I Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Babar Azam	818	896
2	Mohammad Rizwan	794	798
3	Aiden Markram	757	796
4	Dawid Malan	728	915
5	Aaron Finch	716	900
6	Devon Conway	703	784
7	Ishan Kishan	682	717
8	Pathum Nissanka	661	689
9	Rassie van der Dussen	658	780
10	Martin Guptill	658	793

T20I Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Josh Hazlewood	792	806
2	Adil Rashid	746	746
3	Tabraiz Shamsi	709	821
4	Rashid Khan	709	816
5	Adam Zampa	698	743
6	Wanindu Hasaranga	668	797
7	Anrich Nortje	658	695
8	Maheesh Theekshana	647	647
9	Akeal Hosein	647	647
10	Ashton Agar	640	717

BDA reclaims encroached property worth ₹30 crore

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) on Friday seized encroached assets worth ₹30 crore.

According to an official release, BDA had acquired land for developing BTM Layout at survey Number 172/2, in Bilekahalli.

However, of the total land, 3/4th of an acre was encroached by the encroacher and had put up a temporary shed, a nursery and filled with building materials. Despite several warnings from the BDA officials, the encroachers did not clear the sheds nor the construction materials.

The release said that recently the Supreme Court passed an order giving the verdict in favour of the BDA to take over the land.

Following the verdict, the BDA Task Force team led by Superintendent of Police Bhaskar and Inspector Srinivas, cleared the shed, nursery and construction materials and took possession of the encroached land, the release stated.

Delimitation draft receives 2,500 objections

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

As the last date to submit objections ended on Thursday, the delimitation draft has received over 2,500 objections. The State government had notified the draft of the newly delimited 243 wards of BBMP last month and provided 15 days time to submit objections to the draft.

As per the draft, the number of wards has increased from 198 to 243, with the civic body carving out 45 new wards in the existing area itself. Assembly constituencies in the outer zones such as Mahadevapura (from eight wards to 13), Bommanahalli (eight to 14), R.R. Nagar (nine to 14), and Bengaluru South (seven to 12) have added the most number of new wards.

Shivajinagar, Chamarajpet, and Jayanagar have lost wards – they will have six wards each as against seven earlier. Core area constituencies such as Basavanagudi (from six to seven wards) and C.V. Raman Nagar (from seven to nine wards) have also added wards.

Over 400 trees uprooted in city between April and June

Deconcretisation and planting native species key to good drives, say ecologists

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Trees have come crashing down in Bengaluru in large numbers even before the onset of the southwest monsoon. According to data from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), over 400 trees were uprooted in the city between April and June.

In some cases, tree falls have proven to be dangerous for passersby and residents, and even fatal. Recently, two tree related accidents were reported in the city: a tree crashed on the compound wall of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc.) and a labourer was killed, and a branch of a tree fell down and nine people, including a minor, were injured.

As rain pounded many parts of the city, while also being accompanied by gusty winds, the BBMP control room received 1,806 tree-related complaints between April 13 and June 21. During the same period, a total of 465 trees were wholly uprooted, while another 1,341 branches had fallen to the ground, the data from the Forest Department of the civic body shows.

BBMP has 28 teams on ground which take care of clearing fallen branches and trees and removal of branches. • FILE PHOTO

SUITABLE TREE SPECIES FOR BENGALURU
Honge, Neem, Mango, Jackfruit, Tamarind, Jamun, Rain, African Tulip, Tabebuia

TO AVOID
Gulmohar, Copper pod and Eucalyptus, Acacia, Silver oaks (on lake beds)

FALLEN TREES AND BRANCHES
(between April 13 and June 21)

Total complaints received	Total trees fallen	Broken branches
1,806	465	1,341

Tree audit

"In Bengaluru, many old trees are concretised up to root surface and this is a big problem. Roots are not stable and deep when there is concrete. Further, sometimes just branches on one side of the tree are chopped down and these lopsided trees become weak. All of this leads to the falling of trees. Most old trees are also riddled with holes or ants or fungal infections which need to be treated and cleaned to make them stronger. Primarily, we need a tree audit to take more action," said Harini Nagendra, ecologist.

With a number of plantation drives being carried out in the city, experts pointed out that it is necessary to plant native species which represent the natural biogeography of the place. Many species of trees which are prominent in the city are largely not native and most of them have shallow roots which make them prone to falling, they said.

Abi T. Vanak, ecologist and senior fellow at ATREE, said: "Historically, Bengaluru's habitat might have resembled an open natural ecosystem with far fewer trees than you see now. Further, the trees would have been more adapted to dryland conditions. What we currently have is a dominance of exotic species, such as raintree, gulmohar, jacaranda, etc., which make great avenue trees, and certainly add a lot of shade and colour to the city, but are not native."

Another issue which comes with plantation drives is that of the choice of the right trees. While many choose to plant more on lakebeds and grassland, ecologists say that this hampers the natural biodiversity of the land patches. In an urban setting, it is also important to consider how the vegetation supports the infrastructure. As Ms. Nagendra points out, planting Ficus trees in between medians is not a good idea as there is no space for the large trunk. "Maybe Honge or tabebuia with relatively smaller trunks are a better fit," she said.

In urban cities, another vital concept which should be taken into consideration before planting trees is the availability of water.

Usage of water

"The most important thing to keep in mind is that trees require lots of water. A city like Bengaluru, which is facing a severe ground water crisis, and that imports most of its drinking water, can ill afford to grow hyper dense "forests" which are water guzzling. In this regard, initiatives which use excess treated wastewater from apartment buildings can go a long way in solving this problem", Mr. Vanak said.

Ecologists and BBMP officials agreed that there is an increased level of awareness among citizens who conduct plantation drives.

As monsoon progresses, BBMP has 28 teams on ground which take care of clearing fallen branches and trees and removal of branches which might be dangerous, according to a senior official within the Forest department, BBMP.

Zero enrolment at 541 private PU colleges in Karnataka

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

There are 541 private Pre-University colleges across the State with zero enrolment for the academic year 2022-23. Bengaluru South has 93, the highest, while Bengaluru North education district has 61 such colleges.

The least zero enrolment colleges are in Uttara Kannada district at three. Koppal and Shivamogga districts have five each, Ramanagaram, Chikkamagaluru, Gadag, Chamarajanagar, and Kodagu districts have six such private colleges each. The Department of Pre-University Education on Saturday said the recognition of zero enrolment colleges for the academic year of 2022-23 will continue, considering it a special case as PU colleges have suffered from lack of admissions due to the pandemic.

Ready for use

The 1.31 km-long Goods Shed road in the city was opened for traffic on Thursday. The road was closed in view of white-topping work. • K. MURALI KUMAR

AirAsia's cabin crew recruitment drive

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

AirAsia (India), a subsidiary of Tata Sons Private Limited, will conduct a recruitment drive for cabin crew in Bengaluru after it completed similar exercises in Delhi-, Pune, Dehradun and Lucknow, said the airlines on Friday.

The recruitment drive would be open to candidates with a Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) or Pre-University Course (PUC) certification (10+2) from a recognised board or university with a good command of written and spoken English and Hindi. Applicants also should be holders of a valid Indian passport.

The recruitment would be conducted on 10th July at 9 a.m at Taj Bangalore, Kempegowda International Airport Rd, opposite Kempegowda International Airport, Devanahalli, Gangamuthanahalli, Karnataka-560300. Interested candidates may register their names in advance on airasia.co.in/join-thecrew through the airline's social media handles.

Chosen candidates would have to undergo medical and background checks to make them eligible for the airline's 100-day cabin crew training process. They would be taken through a combination of soft skills and functional training including grooming, customer centricity, and communication, aviation security, practical drills for door operation, fire drill, and first aid.

Nokia centre of networked robotics opened

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Nokia and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc.) announced the opening of the Nokia Center of Excellence (CoE) in Networked Robotics at the IISc. in Bengaluru.

The CoE would promote inter-disciplinary research involving robotics and advanced communication technologies in 5G and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Aid paid to tree-fall victim's kin

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

BBMP on Friday gave a cheque of ₹5 lakh to the parents of Rakesh, 13, died of injuries after a tree branch fell on him on June 3. Special Commissioner Projects, P.N. Ravindra, handed over the compensation cheque.

SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF SOLAR POWER GENERATING SYSTEM

E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work:- **Tender No.** NB225355B, Date:06-07-2022, **Brief Description, PL No. & Quantity:** Supply, installation and commissioning of 4.5 KWp solar power generating system with flexi solar panels at various stations within N. F. Railway. As per annexure. Make required: KAHO/ Solbian/Enkay Solar. HSN Code-995428. **PL No.** 4545N01. **Qty.-** 30 Set; Estimated Value: ₹2,10,00,000/-; Earnest Money: ₹4,20,000/-. **Closing and Opening** of tender at 14:30 hrs. on 27-07-2022. The complete information with the tender documents of above e-tender will be available in website www.ireps.gov.in

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Nalina M.C. D/o Mattad Channaveeraiah W/o T. C. Channa Basavaradhya R/o Sri Sadyojatha 3rd Cross, Ashok Nagar, Opp. Eshwar Enterprises, Tumkur, Karnataka – 572102 do here by solemnly affirm and declare as that in my Pass Port my name as been mentioned as Nalina Aradhya but as per my Aadhar CARD-465236683739 and PAN No. AOTPN4638Q as attested verified copy my true, correct and continue my name as **Nalina M.C. (New Name)** only in all my future records, deeds, writings, proceedings, transactions private as well as upon all occasions whatsoever vide affidavit sworn before Advocate & Notary Mallikarjuna C. On 08.07.2022.

CENTRAL RAILWAY
SOLAPUR DIVISION
DEFECTIVE LAYOUT T/OUT CORRECTION & OTHER WORKS

DRM(W)/s, Central Railway, Solapur on behalf of The President of India invites E-tender from the reputed firms / Contractor for the following work. **Name of Work: 1)** Defective Layout T/out Correction under SSE(P.Way) SDB Section under ADEN/KLBG Sub Division. **2)** Solapur - Wadi (DN) TRR(P) 11.00 km. **Approximate Cost of Work:** ₹ 2,21,31,185.21. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 2,60,700/-. **Completion Period of the Work:** 12 (Twelve) Months. **Maintenance Period:** Nil. **Cost of Tender Form:** Nil. **Date and Time for Submission for Tender on www.ireps.gov.in website:** 29/07/2022 up to 15.00 hrs. **Date and Time of Opening of Tender on www.ireps.gov.in:** 29/07/2022 after 15.30 hrs. **Website Particulars: www.ireps.gov.in Note:** The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website frequently before the date of closing of tender to note any change/corrigendum issued for this tender website : **www.ireps.gov.in**

E-Tender Notice No: 22-2022-DENS

RailMadad Helpline 139

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CENTRAL FARM MACHINERY TRAINING & TESTING INSTITUTE
TRACTOR NAGAR, P.O., BUDNI (M.P.)-466445
Website : http://www.fmttibudni.gov.in, Email : fmti-mp@nic.in Tel. : 07564-299003
GSTIN : 23AAAGC0890H1ZS (AN ISO-9001: 2015 CERTIFIED INSTITUTE)

No. 25-01/2021-Estt. Date : 04.07.2022

VACANCY CIRCULAR
(Advertisement No. CFMTTI/02/2022)

Applications are invited from eligible candidates belonging to Officers of Central or State Government or Union Territory Administrations for filling up following post by **deputation including short term contract basis.**

Sl.	Name of Post	No. of vacancy	Group of Pay & Pay level
1.	Stenographer Grade-I (English Stenographer, only)	02 (two)	Group 'B' (NG), Ministerial level-6 (Rs.35400-112400) in the pay matrix.

Complete data about eligibility, terms & conditions are available on the Institute **website : www.fmttibudni.gov.in, www.nrfmtti.gov.in, www.srfmtti.dacnet.nic.in, www.nerfmtti.nic.in** and **www.agricoop.nic.in**

Application (in duplicate) in the prescribed proforma with complete details should be forwarded through proper channel to **Director, Govt. of India, Central Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institute, Tractor Nagar, Budni (M.P.)-466445** within **45 days** from the date of publication of this advertisement in the Employment News.

M.P. Madhyam/105380/2022

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. 08/2022 Dated : 27-06-2022
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for supply of following item.

Description of brief : 25KV AC, 1250 A Double Pole Isolator without earth switch having specifications ETI/OHE/16(1/94) Rev2 (Mar-04) and RDSO%u2019s letter No. TI/PSI/25/ISOL/POLICY/99 dt 3.6.99 **(Tender No. L8225102) (Qty : 56 Nos.)**

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 14:00 Hrs. on 01-08-2022**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Materials Manager
Bengaluru
S.W.Railways SWRLY SWRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that my client **SRI. SREENATH S MANIKANTI** desirous of purchasing the below mentioned property from the Owner of **SRI. A.H. HANUMANTHE GOWDA,** aged about 57 years, S/o. late M.Hanumanthaiah, residing at No.3214, 10th Main, VHBCS Layout, 4th Phase, Girinagar, Bangalore-560085, who have all the right, title and interest and who is in actual and physical possession of the said property and is entitled to alienate the said property. My client is in the process of undertaking the legal due diligence of the said property, the details of which are furnished in the Schedule hereunder written. The interested person/s, bank/s, creditor/s, financial institution/s, firm/s, statutory authorities or any others objecting for the proposed sale transaction or persons having any right title, interest or claim in the Property or any part thereof, in any manner whatsoever or having any claim against in the said Property may lodge his/her/their/its claims /objections with the undersigned, in writing, along with documentary evidence within **fifteen (15) days** from the date of this publication. If no valid claims or objections are received by the undersigned within such time, our client will proceed with the sale transaction with the owners, without any reference to such claims and the claims if any, as the same shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

: SCHEDULE :

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Residential 'vacant **Site No.402/A, (Sy.No.77/2) ACES 'B' Block, measuring 2400 Sq.Ft., BBMP Khata No.914/402/A, Beguru BBMP WARD No.191,** Layout formed by the **AIRCRAFT EMPLOYEES CO-OPERATIVE SOCITY LTD., Situated at Singasandra Village, Beguru Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk** and bounded on:

BOUNDARY of Site No.402/A; (Sy.No.77/2)
EAST : Road; WEST : Site No.442 Site No.443, NORTH: Site No.402/B, SOUTH : Site No.402

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STORES E-PROCUREMENT

E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 04/2022; Dated: 05-07-2022. E-tenders are invited for the following works:- **SN. 1. Tender No.** 04225085, **Description:** Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Multi Section Digital Axle Counter (MSDAC). **Approximate Tender Value:** ₹69,09,34,368.00; **Tender Quantity:** 1226 Nos; **Tender Due on:** 26/07/2022 at 15.30 hrs. **SN. 2. Tender No.** 04225065, **Description:** 6 Quad cable 0.9 mm dia copper conductor, polythene, insulated, Aluminium screened armoured underground jelly field Cable RDSO Specn. No.IRS:TC 30/2005 (Ver. 1) Amdt 1 to 5 or latest. **Approximate Tender Value:** ₹1,13,83,184.45; **Quantity:** 55 KM; **Tender Due on:** 27/07/2022 at 15.30 hrs. **SN. 3. Tender No.** 04225061, **Description:** Underground Power cable, PVC insulated Unscreened Armoured Aluminium Conductor for Rly Spcn IRS:S-63/2014) (Rev.4.0) & IS1554 (Part-1) or latest size 2CX25 Sqmm. **Approximate Tender Value:** ₹1,56,96,289.20; **Quantity:** 159 KM; **Tender Due on:** 26/07/2022 at 15.30 hrs. **SN. 4. Tender No.** 04225062, **Description:** Underground Armoured, Unscreened Railway Signalling Cable PVC Insulated, Copper Conductor, Specn: IRS: S-63/2014 (Rev.4.0) or latest of Size: 2C X 2.5 Sqmm. **Approximate Tender Value:** ₹43,43,290.90; **Quantity:** 65 KM; **Tender Due on:** 26/07/2022 at 15.30 hrs. **SN. 5. Tender No.** 04225063, **Description:** Underground Armoured, Unscreened Railway Signalling Cable, PVC Insulated, Copper Conductor, Specn: IRS: S-63/2014 (Rev.4.0) or latest of Size: 6C X 1.5 Sqmm. **Approximate Tender Value:** ₹1,36,62,127.32; **Quantity:** 141 KM; **Tender Due on:** 27/07/2022 at 15.30 hrs. **SN. 6. Tender No.** 04225064, **Description:** Underground armoured unscreened Railway Signalling cable, PVC insulated, copper conductor, Spec. No. IRS:S: 63/2014) (Rev:4.0) or latest of Size: 12 C x 1.5 Sqmm. **Approximate Tender Value:** ₹12,29,17,777.44; **Quantity:** 618 KM; **Tender Due on:** 27/07/2022 at 15.30 hrs. **NOTE:-** For full details of Tender notice and tender documents, **Tenderer may log on to the website (www.ireps.gov.in)** prospective bidder who intend to participate in above tenders are required to log in themselves with the above website and submit their offer electronically, if they are already registered with **IREPS.** In case they are not registered with **IREPS**, they are advised to obtain class-III Digital Signature Certificate from the certifying agencies under Govt. of India IT Act 2000 and participate in the above tenders.

Principal Chief Materials Manager/Con
Northeast Frontier Railway
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PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Mr. A. ABID,** Aged about 63 years, S/o.Mr.N.Ameer Jan, Residing at # 230, 1st Floor, 32nd 'A' Cross, Near City College, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 011 and **Mrs. FERDOSE ANSARI,** Aged about 53 years, W/o.Mr.Akbar Ansari, Residing at # 14, Millers Road, Benson Town, Bangalore-560 046, intends to purchase the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder which property belongs to **M/s.Abco Farm, A Registered Partnership firm** duly represented by it's Managing Partner Mr.Abdul Lais, S/o.Late.Mr.Abdul Majid, Residing at # 48, Flat No.S-2, 'Cascade Apartment' 2nd Cross, Millers Road, Benson Town, Bangalore-560 046, and the firm had acquired the schedule property by virtue of a Registered Sale Deed Dated 04-06-2008 which is Registered as Document No.SHV-1-00292-2008-09 of Book-I, stored in CD No. SHVD-96, by the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore, and which firm is the Absolute owner of the schedule property. Any person who has got any Right, Title, Interest or claim and objections if any to the proposed sale transaction may write to the undersigned with documentary proof within **TEN DAYS** from the date of Publication of this Notice, failing which it is presumed that there are no claims, and no objections, and my client will proceed with the said sale transaction and no claims or objections will be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Residential Property Bearing Municipal Corporation **No.11/7,** situated at **Bore Bank Road, Old BBMP Ward No.52, New BBMP Ward No.63, (Jayamahal), Benson Town, Bangalore, Allotted PID No.52-33-11/7.**

Measuring :
On the Eastern Side : 35 feet;
On the Western Side : 35 feet;
On the Northern Side : 32 feet 06 Inches;
On the Southern Side : 32 feet 06 Inches;

BOUNDED ON THE :
EAST by : Private Property;
WEST by : Private Property;
NORTH by : Bore Bank Road Cross;
SOUTH by : Property belongs to Mr.Mohammed Sharif;

ABDUL LATEEF KHAN
Advocate, M.A., LL.B.,
No.16, 12th Cross, B.S.A. Road, 1st Stage, Pillanna Garden, B'lore-84. M : 9845110533
Place : Bangalore Date : 07-07-2022

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2 AT BANGALORE
O.A. No. 909 of 2021
M/s. CANARA BANK
B.T.M. LAYOUT BR., B'LORE-76. Rep. by its Chief Manager V/s. ....APPLICANT
M/s. UNITED SQUARES PVT. LTD. & 2 OTHERS ....DEFENDANTS
SUMMONS TO THE DEFT. Nos. 1 to 3 ISSUED UNDER REGULATIONS-16 OF THE DRT-I-2015

Deft No.1: M/s. UNITED SQUARES PVT. LTD. @. # 1590, 17th Main Road, 2nd Phase, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore-560 078. **Rep. by its Directors Sri Mahesh D. Ghanate & Sri Deepak D. Ghanate**

Deft No.2: Sri. MAHESH D. GHANATE Major, S/o. Sri Deepak D. Ghanate, **Director, M/s. UNITED SQUARES PVT. LTD., R/@.** # 203A, D.S. Max Pvt. Ltd., Turahalli, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-61.

Deft No.3: Sri. DEEPAK D. GHANATE Major, S/o. Sri Arjun Rao N, **Director, M/s. UNITED SQUARES PVT. LTD., R/@.** # 10-182/1, Saraswati Bhavan, Sangameswara City, Gulbarga-585 103.

WHEREAS the above named Applicant has instituted the application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 2,19,14,600/=** alongwith court costs, and current & future interest and other reliefs from the date of application till date of recovery. You are hereby required **to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on 27th day of October 2022 at 10:30 a.m.** either in person or duly instructed pleader as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that, in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 5th day of July 2022 at Bangalore.

Sd/- (REGISTRAR)
Debts Recovery Tribunal-2 for Karnataka
4, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, 1st Floor Residency (Heyes) Road, Bangalore-560 025.

Government of Jharkhand
Directorate of Industries
3rd Floor, Nepal House, Doranda, Ranchi-834002

Short Tender Notice

Selection of Creative Agency/Event Manager for Design, Erection, Conceptualization of " 19th Agro+Food & Beverage Pro' 22" during 04-06 August at Panaji, Goa .

Sealed tender are invited by Directorate of Industries, Govt. of Jharkhand from reputed ISO certified Exhibition fabrication agencies for design, fabrication and augmentation of Pavilion / Stallon **raw space of 36 sq. mtr. at "19th Agro+Food & Beverage Pro' 22" during 04-06 August,2022 at Panaji, Goa.**

The Bidder should submit proposals in two parts-Technical Bid & Financial Bid.

Pavilion / Stall shall be made of wooden structure on a raised wood finished platform with ply board cladding and appropriate paint finishing. Electrical wiring, fitting, fixture, sofa, lockable reception table, chairs, store, two brochure stand, one LED TV at wall(50 inches) and other necessary furniture. One receptionist and one cleaning staff with all safety measures, clearances and one car during event to be arranged by the agency.

Terms & Conditions

Following Information, with supporting evidence must be furnished by the bidder

1. The firm must have worked with more than three State or Central Government Departments / Organisation.
2. Only those firms who have minimum 3 years' experience of executing exhibition related jobs (Construction of Pavlion) may apply, please attach minimum 03 works orders of Rs. 10.00 lakhs and above for each year.
3. Bidder should have an experience of fabrication of stalls in any 3 major cities in India(Attached documentary proof)
4. Only those Bidder should have turn over Rs. 1.50/- cr. last three years (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21) may apply.
5. The firm must have PF & ESI
6. If the firm comes under MSME and registered with competent authority of above mention work, then relevant documents should be submitted in support of their claim.
7. GST registration document should be attached.
8. Must have valid PAN of agency registration.
9. Bidder should have a valid ISO 9001 certification.
10. No consortium/Joint venture shall not be considered.
11. One design in given size must be submitted along with hard & soft copy in a presentation format.
12. All documents will be attached in above order.

Bidder should have submit separate EMD and Tender processing fee. EMD of Rs.50,000/- (Refundable) and tender processing fee of Rs. 5,000/- (Nonrefundable) in sealed cover and addressed to the Director of Industries, Government of Jharkhand, Ranchi latest by 3.00 pm on 26.07.2022. The Technical bid will be open on the same day at 3.30 pm. Financial bid will be opened of those bidders who will successfully qualify in the Technical Bid part. For any other information please contact Sri Rajendra Prasad, Dy. Director of Industries, Directorate of Industries, GOJ, mob. No. 9470518897. The undersigned reserves the right to reject, cancel any particular or all bid offers without assigning any reason what so ever. The decision of the undersigned shall be final and binding.

Director of Industries
Jharkhand, Ranchi

PR 273193 Industries(22-23).D

EAST COAST RAILWAY
e-AUCTION OF 12 SLRs & 3 VPs OVER KHURDA ROAD DIVISION

(A) Details of VPs :

Sl.	TRAIN No.	FROM-TO	LOT END TIME
1	18463/64	BHUBANESWAR-BENGALURU-BHUBANESWAR	23.07.22, 1030 hrs.
2	12815/16	PURI-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL-PURI	23.07.22, 1040 hrs.
3	12875/76	PURI-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL-PURI	23.07.22, 1050 hrs.

Asset Description : LVPH & 24T (for Sl. No. 1 to 3). **Frequency & Scale : 7 Days & 'R'** (for Sl. No. 1), **2 Days & 'R'** (for Sl. No. 2), **3 Days & 'R'** (for Sl. No. 3). **Lot Start Time :** 23.07.2022, 1000 hrs. (for Sl. No. 1 to 3). **Minimum Increase : 0.20%** (for Sl. No. 1 to 3). **Lot Status : New in Draft Catalogue** (for Sl. No. 1 to 3).

(B) Details of SLRs :

Sl.	TRAIN No. & CC in Ton	FROM-TO	LOT END TIME
1	22840 & (4 T)	BHUBANESWAR-ROURKELA	22.07.22, 1030hrs.
2	17015 & (4 T)	BHUBANESWAR-SECUNDERABAD	22.07.22, 1040hrs.
3	12845 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-BENGALURU CANT	22.07.22, 1050hrs.
4	17015 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-SECUNDERABAD	22.07.22, 1100hrs.
5	18126 & (4 T)	PURI-ROURKELA	22.07.22, 1110hrs.
6	18447 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-JAGDALPUR	22.07.22, 1120hrs.
7	12864 & (3.9 T)	PURI-GANDHIDHAM	22.07.22, 1130hrs.
8	22871 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-TIRUPATI	22.07.22, 1140hrs.
9	18463 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-BENGALURU	22.07.22, 1150hrs.
10	18126 & (4 T)	PURI-ROURKELA	22.07.22, 1200hrs.
11	22879 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-TIRUPATI	22.07.22, 1210hrs.
12	22833 & (3.9 T)	BHUBANESWAR-KRISHNARAJAPURAM	22.07.22, 1220hrs.

Asset Description : R-1 (for Sl. No. 1, 4 & 5), **F-1** (for Sl. No. 2, 3, 6 to 12). **Frequency & Scale : 7 Days & 'P'** (for Sl. No. 1, 2, 5, 6, 9 & 10), **1 Day & 'R'** (for Sl. No. 3, 4 & 8), **1 Day & 'P'** (for Sl. No. 7, 11 & 12), **Lot Start Time : 22.07.2022, 1000 hrs.** (for Sl. No. 1 to 12), **Minimum Increase : 0.20%** (for Sl. No. 1 to 12). **Lot Status : New in Draft Catalogue** (for Sl. No. 1 to 12).

PR-278/N/22-23 Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager / Khurda Road

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What would they [critics] have done differently? I think the decision we took was the right one, the proper one, each single time. I think obviously with hindsight it's easy to say we could have done [something] differently

MATTIA BINOTTO, Ferrari team principal on criticism of Silverstone race strategy

No [to a question about losing faith in Ferrari]. I want to discuss it and have the full view with the team as to what the reason was. It's costing a lot of points, but...

CHARLES LECLERC

Has Ferrari already botched its title chances?

After a promising start, the team has suffered problems of its own making. Reliability issues and strategic errors have seen it lose significant ground to Red Bull over the first 10 rounds

S. DIPAK RAGAV

In the sporting world, some teams have an outsized influence on the disciplines they compete in – the sport's fortunes are intrinsically linked to the team's.

In Formula One, that team is Ferrari. No name evokes more wonder and amazement. The iconic brand was born for motor racing; the luxury car business was started by its founder Enzo Ferrari to fund racing endeavours.

It is the only team that has competed in every season of F1 since the start of the championship in 1950. It is also the most decorated team in terms of titles and wins, apart from being the most followed marque in the world.

Special perks

A sense of Ferrari's importance to F1 can be had from the fact that it receives bonus prize-money from the commercial rights holder just for turning up every year, to ensure its uninterrupted presence since the championship's start.

Ferrari also has the power of veto over regulations and in the past has threatened to use this against rules that could harm its interests.

But despite these advantages, Ferrari has had an underwhelming time over the past 15 years. It last won a constructors' title in 2008 and a driver's title in 2007.

The historical weight of the team's image and its significance to Italy's national psyche have often come in the way of on-track success. The negative effects of the team's fear of failure and internal politics have been widely chronicled.

Underachiever

Except during the Jean Todt-Ross Brawn-Michael Schumacher era from 2000 to 2004, when it steamrolled the opposition, the team has underachieved in recent times.

With the overhaul of regulations in 2022, there was expectation that Ferrari, with the might of its resources, would nail the challenge and get back to winning ways.

Pre-season testing showed that the team had one of the fastest cars on the grid and when Charles Leclerc won the first race in Bahrain, the belief was further solidified.

Leclerc finished a close second in Saudi Arabia before winning again in Australia. With two wins from three races, there was a renewed sense of optimism that the team could challenge for the title.

It was a welcome relief for the Tifosi, considering how bad things were, following a rule clarification in 2019 that hurt the team.

The FIA issued a technical directive on power units in 2019 after the Ferrari engine had become the most powerful on the grid. Rivals believed the team was getting around the regulations by a clever trick that was possibly illegal, forcing the FIA to issue a clarification on the interpretation of rules.

The FIA even investigated Ferrari's engines but could not prove any wrongdoing although both parties later agreed to a private settlement ahead of the 2020 season. However, following the directive, the Ferrari engines went from the fastest to the slowest in the speed trap.

To illustrate how bad 2020 was, the team only managed to finish sixth in the constructors' standings. It was third in 2021.

Downturn

In this context, the two early wins this year showed a lot of promise. However, the team has slipped since then, a mixture of reliability woes and strategic errors contributing to the downturn.

It took another six races before Ferrari won its third race – Carlos Sainz's maiden triumph at the British Grand Prix last weekend.

During the intervening period, that team lost a lot of ground to rivals Red Bull and Max Verstappen.

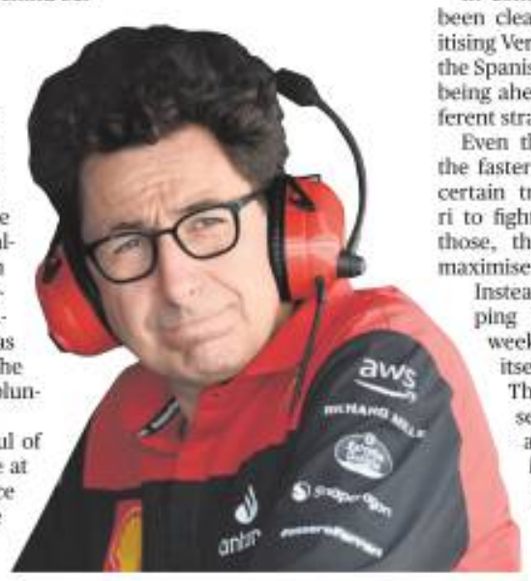
Even Sainz's victory, while a welcome return to the top step for Ferrari, was not the ideal result in the pursuit of the drivers' championship – the team's primary title challenger Leclerc suffered a huge blow.

After the Australian GP, Leclerc had a 46-point lead over Verstappen. But after the British GP, Leclerc finds himself 43 points behind the defending champion and even nine points behind Sergio Perez.

Costly blunders

Apart from reliability woes in Spain and Azerbaijan, where Leclerc had to retire from the lead, allowing Verstappen to win on both occasions, the Monegasque driver has also been hurt by the team's strategic blunders.

The most painful of the blunders came at Leclerc's home race in Monaco where he qualified on pole and was leading the race before two costly decisions by the pit wall for his stops saw him drop from first to fourth.



The race started after a downpour, with all drivers starting on wet-weather tyres. As the track started drying, some drivers switched to intermediates while others, such as Sainz, went directly to dry-weather slicks.

Red Bull moved first, getting its drivers to stop for inters and by the time Ferrari decided to bring Leclerc in, he had lost sufficient time for Perez to undercut him.

Sainz, who later stopped for dry tyres, had a slow in-lap on old wet tyres, and the team misjudged matters by asking Leclerc, who was quick on his inters, to stop on the same lap. This effectively ceded track position to the Spaniard who had started behind.

But to make it worse, the time lost by Leclerc, stacked behind Sainz in the pit stops, allowed Verstappen to stop a lap later and take third place from the local boy.

In Silverstone, Sainz, who started from pole position, never had the pace that Leclerc had despite the latter suffering some front wing damage. Leclerc was complaining on the team radio about how fast he could go if he were allowed to take the lead instead of following the slower Sainz. This enabled Lewis Hamilton to catch up, bringing him into play as well.

The wrong choice

After the first stops, the same situation prevailed until Sainz failed to meet the target lap time set by the team and let Leclerc take the lead. However, a late safety car meant the team had less than 10 seconds to decide on whom to pit and preferred to leave Leclerc out on old tyres while stopping Sainz, who was a few seconds behind, for new soft tyres that were quicker.

Ferrari feared that Hamilton, who had stopped later than Leclerc, would stay out to take the lead and preferred to prioritise track position for Leclerc. The young driver made his displeasure known that it was going to be tough for him to keep the two drivers on fresher tyres behind him at the restart.

Despite the team asking Sainz to fall behind and act as a cushion for Leclerc, the Spaniard, fearing pressure from Hamilton, immediately took the lead from his teammate using his tyre advantage.

Leclerc once again saw victory slip from his hands and had to settle for another fourth place on a day when his rival Verstappen managed only seventh.

What could have been

Had Ferrari asked Sainz to give way before the first round of stops, Leclerc could have been further up the road during the safety car period which would have allowed him to stop for new tyres without worrying about losing track position to Hamilton.

These two results, at Monaco and Silverstone, cost Leclerc 26 points; he would otherwise have been only 17 points behind Verstappen.

Not only has Ferrari cost Leclerc points, forcing him to potentially take more risks to make up the deficit, but it's also likely to have diminished his confidence in his team.

Leclerc was heard on the radio after Silverstone, bemoaning the loss of time during the race. Later the world saw images of team boss Mattia Binotto and his driver exchanging words, with the former wagging his finger. Although both parties played down the incident, it was hardly an image of harmony.

The baffling thing about Ferrari's tactics has been the indecision in crucial moments when employing team orders or making calls under pressure.

This was a team that used to be ruthless during the Schumacher era when enforcing team orders. Even more recently, Felipe Massa was forced to give up a win in Germany in 2010 to help title contender Fernando Alonso.

In contrast, Red Bull has been clear-headed in prioritising Verstappen as it did in the Spanish GP despite Perez being ahead, albeit on a different strategy.

Even though Red Bull is the faster car on race days, certain tracks allow Ferrari to fight for wins and on those, the team needs to maximise its chances.

Instead, it has been dropping the ball on such weekends and finds itself in deep trouble. The wait for a title is set to continue for another year unless it can drastically sharpen its race operations for the remaining 12 rounds.

GAME THEORY

The jumps that still stand

The high jump world records are among the longest-standing marks in all of athletics. Bulgaria's Stefka Kostadinova set the women's world record (2.09 metres) back in August 1987. Cuba's Javier Sotomayor set the men's record (2.45 metres) in July 1993. Here's a look at the top marks of all time:

WOMEN

Mark (metres)	Competitor	Venue	Date
2.09	**Stefka Kostadinova**	**Rome**	**30 Aug 1987**
2.08	Blanka Vlasic	Zagreb	31 Aug 2009
2.07	Lyudmila Andonova	Berlin	20 Jul 1984
2.07	Anna Chicherova	Cheboksary (Russia)	22 Jul 2011
2.06	Kajsa Bergqvist	Eberstadt (Germany)	26 Jul 2003
2.06	Hestrie Cloete	Paris	31 Aug 2003
2.06	Yelena Slesarenko	Athens	28 Aug 2004
2.06	Ariane Friedrich	Berlin	14 Jun 2009
2.06	Mariya Lasitskene	Lausanne	06 Jul 2017
2.05	Tamara Bykova	Kiev	22 Jun 1984
2.05	Heike Henkel	Tokyo	31 August 1991
2.05	Inga Babakova	Tokyo	15 Sep 1995
2.05	Tia Hellebaut	Beijing	23 Aug 2008
2.05	Chaunte Lowe	Des Moines (USA)	26 Jun 2010

MEN

Mark (metres)	Competitor	Venue	Date
2.45	**Javier Sotomayor**	**Salamanca (Spain)**	**27 Jul 1993**
2.43	Mutaz Essa Barshim	Brussles	05 Sep 2014
2.42	Patrik Sjoberg	Stockholm	30 Jun 1987
2.42	Bohdan Bondarenko	New York	14 Jun 2014
2.41	Igor Paklin	Kobe (Japan)	04 Sep 1985
2.40	Rudolf Povarnitsyn	Donetsk	11 Aug 1985
2.40	Sorin Matei	Bratislava	20 Jun 1990
2.40	Charles Austin	Zurich	07 Aug 1991
2.40	Vyacheslav Voronin	London	05 Aug 2000
2.40	Derek Drouin	Des Moines (USA)	25 Apr 2014

SOURCE: World Athletics

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Two is company, four is a party

Romania's Monica Niculescu (playing a volley) and Elena Gabriela Ruse are engaged in a doubles contest against Belgium's Kirsten Flipkens and Spain's Sara Sorribes Tormo at Wimbledon, in this photograph.

The doubles game may have reduced in prominence in world tennis, but it remains the last refuge of substantial net-play.

When done well, a single point in doubles can feature innovative tactics, outrageous angles, subtle touch – and rare teamwork in an otherwise individual sport. The rapid crossfire when all four players have been drawn to the net is one of the game's most thrilling spectacles.

There was a time when many top singles players also competed in doubles. John McEnroe was such an adept at it that his partner Peter Fleming, asked who the top men's doubles team was, quipped: "John McEnroe and anyone".

Martina Navratilova has an incredible 31 women's doubles (and 10 mixed doubles) Major titles, in addition to her 18 singles Grand Slam crowns.

The modern game rarely sees top singles players competing in doubles – with the Williams sisters, Venus and Serena, an exception.

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25°C A comfortable but humid weather to prevail. Night will be pleasant. Chances of light rain and thundershower.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
27°C The weather will be mostly dry. Day will be comfortable but humid. Night will be pleasant.

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Call centre racket uncovered; 11 from Gujarat arrested

Operators of two Whitefield-based centres procured personal data from gullible bank customers and stole money

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Eleven persons, working in two Whitefield-based call centres that were running phishing operations targeting bank customers in the United States have been arrested by Bengaluru police. All of them hail from Gujarat.

Ironically, the method adopted by the callers was to seek the bank account details of customers by flagging a potential fraudulent transaction in their accounts, and in turn steal money. The

company was named "Ethical Infotech Pvt. Ltd."

"Callers mainly targeted customers in the US and the modus operandi involved sending messages to potential targets through text messages, voice mail, etc. that a fraudulent/ suspect transaction or purchase has noticed in one of their accounts – such as a bank account or an Amazon account – and the call is being made on behalf of the vendor to resolve the fraudulent transaction," said a statement from Whitefield Division Police.

"They would finally zero in on gullible people, and pursue them till they part with their social security numbers, bank account details, etc., and siphon off money through various means such as untraceable money transfer apps and cryptocurrency," the statement said.

The raids were carried out after obtaining search warrants from the court on two premises of Ethical Infotech Pvt Ltd, one in Silver Soft Tech Park, EPIP, and another at Gayatri Tech Park, Whitefield, on Thursday night around 10 p.m.

The police arrested six persons, and seized 132 desktops and ₹15 lakh in cash from the premises at EPIP; and five persons from the Gayatri Tech Park premises, and recovered 127 desktops, 4 laptops, 150 headphones, 10 hard discs, and six mobile phones, besides ₹18 lakh in cash.

There were a total of 72 callers at both locations when the raids happened. Police said two kingpins hailing from Ahmedabad were running the scam and both have been arrested. The duo used to employ fresh graduates from Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, and Delhi to run these call centres.

The police said the raids on Thursday night followed a tip-off, and that the investigations were on going. The police are yet to ascertain the extent of the scam, for how long these call centres have been cheating customers in the US, and how they acquired banking and Amazon customer data.

Promoting Ilkal saris at KSR station

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

A stall to promote Ilkal saris was inaugurated by Shyam Singh, Divisional Railway Manager, Bengluru Division, at the KSR Bengaluru Railway Station on Friday. The stall is opened as a part of One Station One Product scheme launched by the Ministry of Railways to encourage local craftsmen and artisans for marketing their products more effectively, a release said.

IN BRIEF

Exhibition of coins and currencies

BENGALURU

The Karnataka Numismatic Society will hold an All-India exhibition of coins, currencies, stamps, and other collectables from July 8 to 10 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Shikshakara Sadana on K.G. Road.

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Police crack jewellery heist in 72 hours, arrest dacoits in Rajasthan after filmi chase

Robbers tied up store employee and made away with ornaments worth ₹1.58 cr.

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The city police on Thursday cracked a major jewellery shop dacoity in Electronics City in a matter of 72 hours, and arrested a group of robbers from Chittorgarh, Rajasthan, after a filmi chase and facing bullets from the gang.

Two people, in the guise of customers, entered Ramdev Jewellers, Mylasandra, on July 4 morning, when an employee had opened the shop. They threatened him with a pistol, took him to the safe locker, and tied him up.

- Two people, in the guise of customers, entered Ramdev Jewellers, Mylasandra, on July 4 morning, when an employee had opened shop.

Soon, two more entered the store, and they made away with ₹1.58 crore worth of gold ornaments. The thieves also took away the phone of the employee, and the digital video recorder of the CCTV cameras, leaving no immediate lead from the scene of the crime. Using mobile tower location data, the police traced the gang to Rajasthan.

Shot at police vehicle

After reaching the State, with the help of the police there, the team from Bengaluru tracked down the gang in Chittorgarh district. When they went to arrest the robbers, the latter began shooting at the police vehicle, and fled from the scene.

The police said after a filmi chase over 3 km, four members of the gang were arrested. A fifth member had taken his share of the bounty and is at large, the police said.

Most of the stolen jewellery, and two pistols and three bullets have been recovered. All four, who have been arrested, have several pending cases of house burglary, robbery, and dacoity in Rajasthan and Bengaluru, the police said. The prime accused had been running a hardware shop in Hulimavu in Bengaluru.

A SPACE MARKETING INITIATIVE

"Future of the country is in your hands" says Nandini, IAS officer

Farewell for the students of Ramaiah Institute of Technology IAS officer shares her experience

BENGALURU

The future of the country is in your hands, you should decide how to take it towards the direction of development, says the alumni of Ramaiah Institute of Technology and IAS officer Nandini.

You are in the direction of reaching your goal. I was preparing for the UPSC exam during the same time of my life. Whatever you decide to do, make sure you provide justice for it and remember that achieving success in any field will not be easy. I was so happy when I got first rank in the UPSC exam, I had the satisfaction of reaching my goal. Students in rural areas really need guidance regarding this, says IAS officer Nandini who spoke at a felicitation program for graduating students organized by Ramaiah Institute of Technology.

She further says, "Ten years back I was in the same seat with my parents attending the farewell, but today I have come here with my parents and my child. Then I was a student, but now I feel extremely happy to come back as an officer. Than being an officer I would like to be your friend. There are many problems in society which you are not aware of, but once you come out of your comfort zone, you'll understand those difficulties. Nobody knows when this life is going to end, so always do good in this limited time. Don't bother to listen about the bad things that others tell, stay happy in your life".

From Left to Right Dr. N.V.R Naidu-Principal, *RIT*, Sri Tallam Venkatesh-President, *Alumni Association, RIT*, Smt. Nandhini K. R- *IAS - Chief Guest*, Ms. Kethan-*Best Outgoing student*, Sri. M R Seetharam - *Vice Chairman, GEF & Director, RIT*, Sri. M R Ramaiah - *Secretary, GEF & Director, RIT* and Sri. B.S. Ramaprasad - *Chief Executive, GEF*

M.R. Seetharam, Vice Chairman, Gokula Education Foundation and Director Ramaiah Institute of Technology says, "She prepared for the UPSC exam while working and achieved her goal. This requires discipline, commitment, sacrifice and hard work. There will always be encouragement for student achievement in our institution. We at our institution provide practical education with the help of our teaching staff and industrialists".

"We provide all the support to you from the management side, but in any situation, you should not forget your parents, teachers and your goal. When you complete your degree, you will be placed in the best company. I feel proud to say that our students are placed in different parts of the country," he says.

B.S Ramprasad, Chief Executive of GEF, M.R. Ramaiah, Secretary, GEF and Director Ramaiah Institute of Technology, Dr. N.V.R. Naidu, Principal, Ramaiah Institute of Technology & Tallam Venkatesh, President of RIT Alumni Association were also present during the program.

At the same time, awards were given to the students who have achieved in 13 departments. There were 421 projects for the display and 38 projects received prize. A student named Kethan was felicitated with the Best outgoing Student Award.

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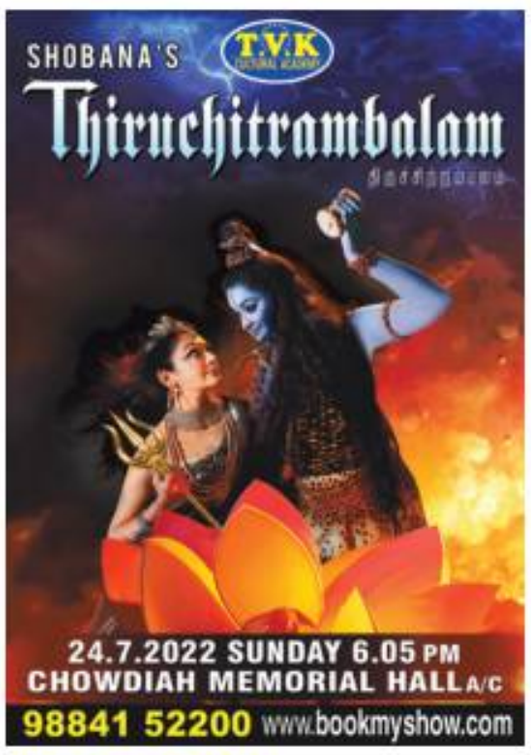

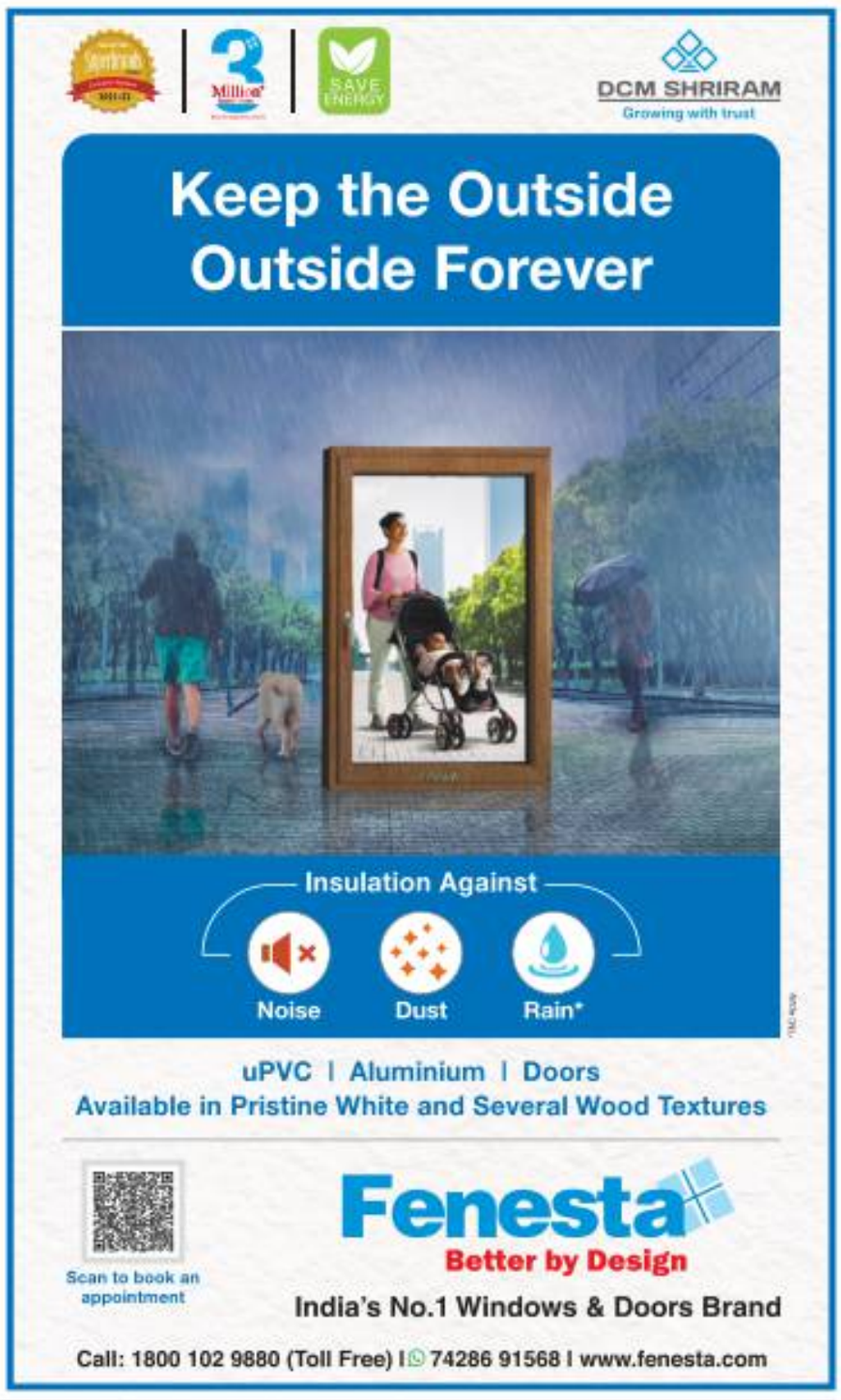

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For them, a pair of shoes is no fancy accessory

It might take at least two months for shoes and socks to reach the students

KARNATAKA BUREAU
BENGALURU

Members of the SDMC and students' organisations said uniforms, shoes and socks are not accessories, but what children need to ensure uniformity, dignity and health. • FILE PHOTO

"Our parents cannot afford shoes. We have to walk around 14 km barefoot daily to reach our school at Yepaladinni village in Raichur district and back home," says a Class VIII student Yashoda. Her village Raladoddi is situated 25 km from Raichur city, but has no bus facilities. It takes around one and half hours for students from Raladoddi to reach Yepaladinni school on foot, which is around 7 km. Sandeep, a Class IX student of Appanadoddi village, which is 6 km from Yepaladinni, also faces the same situation.

Even though Karnataka government announced on Friday that it would release ₹132 crore to procure socks and shoes through SDMCs, it would take at least two months before it can reach them. As of now, government and aided schools students are going to schools in old uniforms (work orders have been issued for them recently) and wearing slippers or going barefoot, particularly in rural areas.

In Malnad areas, students walk long distances to reach school and need proper footwear. A.G. Nityananda, president, School Development and Monitoring Committee, GHPS, Honnetalu in Tirthahalli taluk, said the last time the government provided funds for shoes and socks was in 2020. "Some donors have been supporting our school," he said.

No bicycles either

Earlier, the government was distributing bicycles for Class VIII government and aided school students, and uniforms, shoes and socks for students from Classes I to X. Bicycle disbursal was stopped in 2019-20. With the disruptions in the academic calendar owing to the pandemic and financial crunch, the government also stopped allocating funds for the distribution of shoes and socks for students.

Since 2019-20, it did not allocate funds for shoes and socks in the annual Budget either. But as demand from students and public organisations grew, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced on March 16 this year that he would allocate special funds for bicycle, shoes and socks for school students. But even two months after schools reopened, it has not happened. Bicycles still remain elusive.

Owing to the pandemic, last year, the distribution of uniforms too was delayed. The Department of School Education and Literacy completed the distribution this March, while for the ongoing year too, the tender process had been delayed and there is no sign of early distribution of uniforms. This has forced students to either wear old uniforms or go to school in colour dresses.

Members of the SDMC and students' organisations said uniforms, shoes and socks were not "accessories", but what schoolchildren needed to ensure uniformity, dignity and health.

G. Umesh, president, SDMC Coordination Committee from Ramanagaram, said, "Uniforms, shoes and socks are not fancy things, but things for uniformity, dignity and health. After the distribution of bicycles were stopped, girls particularly in rural areas, are avoiding going to schools. Since three years, there have been no shoes and socks for students."

(With inputs from Praveen Para from Kalaburagi, Jayanth R. from Bengaluru, and Sathish G.T. in Hassan.)

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₹132 cr. for shoes, socks for schoolchildren

He said that children come to school "to get education and not for shoes and socks". Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly Siddaramaiah had described the statement as "inhuman" and sought to know if he or his children walked barefoot. KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar had said that Congress would "beg for money" and provide shoes to children if the government was incapable of doing it.

Speaking to the media on Friday, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai also said: "The State government has already approved the distribution of uniforms but it will take time to reach the schools. As far as shoes and socks are concerned, I have approved allocation of ₹132 crore today (Friday) to ensure students don't suffer".

COVID-19: 1,037 cases, one death in State

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka on Friday recorded 1,037 new COVID-19 infections taking the total number of cases to 39,77,090.

With this the day's Test Positivity Rate (TPR) stood at 4.24% and the weekly TPR touched 3.84%. Of the new cases, 932 have been reported from Bengaluru Urban alone.

With one death, the State's toll rose to 40,081. Besides, 42 deaths of patients due to non-COVID-19 reasons have also been recorded.

As many as 984 persons were discharged on Friday taking the total recoveries to 39,30,461. Active cases stood at 6,506 on Friday.

As many as 24,436 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours, including 17,493 RT-PCR tests.

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City doctor authors operating manual on neurosurgery

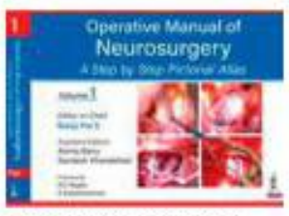
The atlas is a guide for junior neurosurgeons before they enter the operation theatre

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

Junior neurosurgeons and neurosurgical residents can now delve into the technical nuances of operative neurosurgery through a new atlas of neurological procedures performed in neuro departments across the country.

The atlas - an illustrative operating manual of neurological procedures - has been brought out by Balaji Pai S., Head of the Department of Neurosurgery at the State-run Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI). The atlas is set to be released on Saturday.

Balaji Pai S., HOD, Department of Neurosurgery, BMCRI



The atlas of neurological procedures is a technical guide for junior neurosurgeons.

Complementary to teaching

Speaking to *The Hindu* on Friday, he said many neurosurgeons are not exposed to the wide variety of neurosurgical procedures and may not have performed these procedures individually or even observed them. "The atlas is a guide for the junior neurosurgeons before they enter the operation theatre. It cannot substitute hands-on training and knowledge gained by assisting seniors and operating under supervision. This atlas is a complement to these teaching methods," he said.

Aimed at assisting and educating neurosurgical residents and junior neurosurgeons, the atlas will help these surgeons and also boost their confidence, the doctor said.

"The atlas highlights the steps involved in the various surgical procedures through photographs and illustrations rather than only on theoretical knowledge. There are 155 chapters written by various experts in the field. Different authors have their distinctive styles in performing surgery as well as writing their chapters. I have retained these different styles to provide variety. One surgeon's technique is not necessarily better than others. Hence no claims are being made that the techniques described in this book are the best. However, they are drawn out of the experience of senior neurosurgeons and serve as a guide to the juniors to learn from," Dr. Pai said.

Cadaveric dissection

Dr. Pai, who formerly headed the Trauma and Emergency Care Centre (TECC) on Victoria Hospital campus, said another learning methodology close to his heart was cadaveric dissection. "All junior neurosurgeons should indulge in cadaveric dissection if the facilities are available. With all this, the neurosurgeon will evolve their own style derived from experience. An important aspect of any surgical procedure is the preparation and planning," he said.

"The surgeon should always have an alternative plan. Proper planning and mental rehearsal ensures that unexpected events are anticipated and tackled with confidence. The operating time too comes down significantly with detailed planning. A neurosurgeon should never stop learning nor teaching and the latter is the best method to achieve the former," added Dr Pai.

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The Executive Engineer (SWD-KVP Zone), BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

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King cobra lays 38 eggs under second captive breeding project

Neonate king cobras after being hatched under artificially created incubation conditions under a captive breeding project of King Cobras at Pilikula Biological Park on Friday. • H.S. MANJUNATH

RAVIPRASAD KAMILA
MANGALURU

A king cobra at the Pilikula Biological Park in Mangaluru has laid 38 eggs which were bred under artificially created conditions. The park resumed captive breeding of king cobras after a gap of more than a decade. The eggs are being hatched under artificial conditions since the evening of July 7, and all neonates are expected to come out of their eggs by July 9.

According to the park director H. Jayaprakash Bhandary, the captive breeding or conservative breeding process comprises creating an artificial condition for mating, gestation and incubation periods, as well as hatching and rearing the neonates till about a year.

The Pilikula Biological Park is the only zoo in India to get permission from the Central Zoo Authority for captive breeding of king cobras. The project was first sanctioned in 2010-11, and for the second time in 2021-22, Mr. Bhandary said. Under the second project, which is under way, the process of breeding under artificially created conditions had begun in March 2022. The male mate was named 'Nagappa' and the female was named 'Nagini'. Interestingly, Nagappa was born in captivity in the same zoo under the first project (2010-11). Eight-year-old Nagini had been brought to the park from Sampaje in the Western Ghats for treatment of injuries. Later, she was retained in the park.

The director said that the gestation period after mating is between 30-40 days. The incubation period is 76 days; it means the neonates start coming out of their eggs after 76 days. The hatching, which is under way, is expected to be over by July 9. The neonates will be fed and reared before being released in the forest after assessing their health condition.

Neonates are 1.5 feet long while the length of adults ranges from 12-18 feet. "The success during the second project too underlines the fact that the park has a conducive atmosphere for captive breeding of king cobras," Mr. Bhandary said. "The life span of king cobras in the wild is usually 16 years. But, the number goes up under captive conditions. One king cobra lived in Pilikual Park for up to 22 years," he said.

Under the first captive breeding project in the park in 2010-11, one king cobra had laid 43 eggs, followed by 22 eggs laid by another female and 18 eggs by the third female. The gestation period was 40 days and the incubation period then was 88-89 days. The hatching had been completed in two days. "As many as 65 neonates had been released in the forest after they were one year old. The success rate of that project was 99%," Mr. Bhandary said.

"The success rate of hatching is more under artificially created incubation condition, as the eggs are free from attack from ants and fungus, unlike in natural conditions in forests. A specified humidity will be maintained during the incubation period under laboratory conditions," he said.

The other members of the team involved in the second project were Senior Scientific Officer Jerald Vikram Lobo, Veterinary Doctor K. Madhusoodan, Biologist M.S. Suma, and K.P. Dinesh Kumar, who was the caretaker of the king cobras. "We have observed healthy neonates born from healthy eggs," said Mr. Dinesh.

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AND
Mrs. Preethi S.M. ...DEFENDANT
Summons to the defendant by way of Paper Publication
To,
Defendant
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Given under my hand and seal of the Court this **05th day of July 2022.**
By Order of the Court,
Siresthedhar,
Prl. Senior Civil Judge Court
Tumakuru
Advocates for Plaintiff
S.M. Anees Ahamed,
B.M. Kushalappa,
T.N. Ajay Advocate,
No.4 (10/2), West Park Road, Kumara Park East, Bangalore- 560001.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE IInd ADDL. JUNIOR CIVIL JUDGE (MOBILE COURT) ANANTHAPURAMU
O.S.NO.377/2020
Between:
D.Raghunath ... Plaintiff
AND
Sanjay Kumar Rout ... Defendant
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT
To, Sanjay Kumar Rout
S/o B.K.Rout, Aged About 42 years, Hindu, Business, D.No.73,74, 17th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003, Karnataka State.
Whereas the above said plaintiff filed a suit for recovery of money against you. The above case is posted to **28-07-2022** in the above said court for your appearance at **10.30** A.M.if youfailedto appear before the above said court either personally or through an Advocate on that date otherwise the matter will be decided exparte.
"By order of the Court."
J.CHAITTARANJAN
Advocate, Anantapurams, A.P.
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
Notice to the Respondent
Vide order dated: 16.06.2022
R.F.A. No. 1380/2017
Mr.R Chandra Murthy & Ors.,
(By Sriyuths: S Naganaja and Arun Bangara, Advs., for appellants) ...Appellants
v/s
M/s Jaya Builder and Developers Rep., by its Managing Partner Mr. Ravi Prasad ...Respondent
TO: Respondents
M/S JAYA BUILDER AND DEVELOPERS A PARTNERSHIP FIRM CARRYING ON ITS BUSINESS, PRESENT AT NO. 109, 8TH CROSS, NANJAREDDY COLONY, MURUGESHPALYA, BENGALURU - 17, REP., BY ITS MANAGING PARTNER MR. RAVI PRASAD S/O MR. KRISHANAIAH
Appeal from the Judgment & Decree dated:04.04.2017 passed in OS.No. 1013/2013 on the file of the II Addl. Senior Civil Judge, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru.
Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court either in person or through Counsel duly instructed or through some one authorized by law, to act for you in the above appeal **on 21.07.2022** in case you intend to contest the appeal. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.
Issued under my hand and the seal of this court, this the 16th Day of JUNE 2022.
BY ORDER OF THE COURT,
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHOBHA** Rani Venkatesh Franklin R/o No.16, Manjunatha Nilaya, 5th Cross, Giddappa Layout, Kuliappa Circle, Kammanahalli, Bangalore-560084, have changed my name to Shobha Rani vide affidavit dated 07-07-2022 before Notary Sivakumara.M.N, Bangalore.

I, **ROOHINABI** dependent daughter of K.Khaleel R/at SMQ 369/2 AF Stn Yelahanka, Bangalore-63 have changed my name from Roohinabi to Noohinabi vide Affidavit dated 08-07-2022 sworn before Notary H.Sridhar Rao, Blore.

NOTICE
IA No. CA/60/2019
(Old No. CA/188/2019)
IN CP/233/2008
In the matter of :-
M/S. DUNLOP INDIA LIMITED
And
Official Liquidator
Versus
Ram Krishen Sadhu and Ors.

Be it noted by all concerned that in the above proceeding U/S 543 of the Companies Act, 1956, was filed before the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta impleading fifteen (15) ex-directors of the Company (In Liqn.) for misfeasance/breach of trust in relation to the Company (In Liqn.) for a total sum of Rs. 874.48 Crores.

In compliance with an order dated 09.06.2022 passed by the Hon'ble Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya, notice is given to the ex-directors/respondents, upon whom summons of the above proceeding could not be served due to some reason or other and also those who abstained from their appearance before the Hon'ble Court despite receipt of summons. Particulars of the respondents are given hereunder, who are called upon to appear before the Hon'ble Court either in person or by their advocates when the matter will next be taken up.

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Elegance of fusing art in interiors

Is it the choice of décor, alignment of elements in the space, lighting, colours used or a piece of art that expresses style and grace? **NANDHINI SUNDAR** finds out

DECOR

Whatever be the décor opted, each space comes with its own unique energy and character that leaves a strong impression on the user as well as a visitor. At times the energy is so intense, and the question arises, what creates this unique energy or unique character to leave that impact. Is it the choice of décor, the alignment of elements in the space, the lighting, the colours used or is it a piece of art that arrests and captivates the attention, leaving a deep imprint?.

A contemporary space comes with its clean, straight lines, the artistic elements too following this design principle in their form. Contrary to this, traditional spaces reveal a strong play of art, their presence and import intricate, elaborate and complicated in form. The art infused into the space points to a high level of expertise, the training passed down generations, with a majority of the art forms proving to be astounding pieces of skilled work.

Given their complicated art form, contemporary spaces tend to obviate traditional arts and crafts, considering them to be out of sync amidst the smooth straight- lined décor. Yet, a significant piece of traditional artwork, however small compared to the rest of the artworks in the space, can prove to be transformative, altering the energy and character of the interior.

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Ushering in harmony

Harmony is essential in a space to emit positive energy and this directly connects to the harmonious use of art and other elements in the interiors. Indian heritage has the quality of bringing in harmony into a space, states Bharathy Harish, Director, Madhurya Creations. According to her, whatever be the art form brought into an interior, Indian heritage being so vast and diverse, it ties in seamlessly, artistically into the space, irrespective of the décor opted, serving as the highlight. "It is not about the choice of the piece but how it is adapted into the space, the mood created around it that proves to be uplifting and harmonious."

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It is customary to view a heritage piece as a misfit in a contemporary space. "The diverse Indian art forms with their global appeal can be fused into any space, either in its original form as a highlight or adapted to the theme of the interior. Unfortunately the art form, be it a Tanjore painting, Pichwai,Madhubani, is perceived only in its original form without realising that the same can be deftly fused as a design highlight into a furniture, wall, the floor", contends Bharathy.

For instance, the beautiful peacocks, the lotus or a Tanjore painting can be incorporated into a door, the dining or coffee table, a pillar, Bharathy further elaborates.

"The appropriate design intervention is what matters here and adapting Indian heritage pieces into any décor is feasible if a conscious decision is made to incorporate it."

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Weaving into the furnishings

The gorgeous weaves that India is famous for has traditionally been confined to individual attire. Yet, contemporary spaces have witnessed fine adaptation of these in the form of door panels, as table top, as highlight upholstery. "Fusing in an elaborate weave in the furnishings or as part of wall panelling, doors, dining table can totally alter the language of a minimalist space, lending it the tone of rich heritage",points out Bharathy. Likewise, an upholstered sofa with traditional Indian weaves displaying for instance the Ikat work, can serve as a signature piece in a living space, Bharathy adds.

Symbolism

Heritage art forms use varied motifs that have a deeper symbolism. These have an impact on the mind and psyche through the harmonious energies that their presence emits, contends Bharathy. "There is a Yaali at the entrance of every temple, yet its deeper meaning is missed. It denotes harmony, depicting the fusion of two strong energies of an elephant and a lion. It has survived more than 5,000 years in Indian heritage, extending to carvings."

According to Interior Designer Mahesh Chadaga of Spacelift, there is no limit to the ways heritage art forms can be fused into a contemporary space. "Be it the colourful Athangudi tiles for flooring, the stunningly intricate carved Chettinad door frames, the metal art of Moradabad, the exquisite silk carpets of Kashmir, the exotic weaves of Kanchi, Banaras, the Kalamkari work, Bidri ware from Karnataka, the captivating Jharokhas of Rajasthan, Madhubani paintings of Orissa, the ornate paintings of Tanjore... any of these can be brought into a contemporary space as a highlight. Their presence is rich in colour and texture that even when used as an accent piece, the ambience alters instantaneously", he states.

Concurs Architect Leena Kumar of Kumar Consultants, "The awareness about Indian art forms is now high, with most wanting to bring them into a space as an accent piece to identify and connect with our heritage."

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13 districts battered by rain

People living at locations where landslips occurred last year to be shifted

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

In the wake of downpour in coastal and Malnad districts of Karnataka leading to extensive damage, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday chaired a high-level meeting and said orders had been issued to officials of the district administration to shift villages/people from locations where landslips occurred last year.

Districts such as Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru, and Dakshina Kannada witnessed extensive landslips during the monsoon last year. There have been landslips in some parts over the last few days too.

Rain havoc has claimed the lives of 12 people and 65 livestock for the last one month (since June 1). A total of 13 districts in coastal and Malnad regions of the State received heavy rainfall during the last few days, causing damage to houses, and public properties, A total 17 taluks received rainfall above the normal during the season.

Mr. Bommai held a videoconference with the Deputy Commissioners and in-charge Ministers of 13 rain-affected districts and told them to undertake relief measures immediately.

Reservoirs, including those of the Ghataprabha, Malaprabha, and Hidkal, have filled up to 50% of their capacity. The Belagavi Deputy Commissioner has been instructed to monitor the flow of water from Koyna dam in the Krishna river basin, Mr. Bommai said.

According to India Meteorological Department, several districts in the State would receive heavy rainfall in the next three or four days. A task force headed by the Deputy Commissioners, which included officials of major departments such as Water Resources, Education, Home, and RDPR, has been constituted to coordinate rain-related works and relief measures. Officials have been told to set up village-level task forces to monitor floods round the clock.

Compensation of ₹10,000 would be disbursed to owners of partially and fully damaged houses for the time being. Zilla panchayat engineers of districts have been asked to conduct a detailed survey of damage to houses and public properties and submit reports in three or four days. The survey would categorise damaged houses into three categories and based on the extent of the damage, compensation would be given, he said.

Funds available

The Deputy Commissioners have ₹735.95 crore in their treasuries and they have been asked to utilise the sum for undertaking rain- relief works, he said.

The Chief Minister said crop damage would be assessed only after rain takes a break. The district administration and Escom officials have been directed to assess the damage to roads and electricity poles, respectively, Mr. Bommai said.

The NDRF and SDRF teams have been deployed in coastal districts for rescuing people affected by the rain.

(Top) A flooded area at Navunda village in Byndoor taluk of Udupi district on Friday, and a landslip in Madikeri following heavy rain. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

RAIN DAMAGE

12 Deaths due to rain

495 Rain-affected people

People rescued 90

4 Relief centres opened

90 People in relief centres

65 Fatalities of livestock

Number of rain-affected places: **districts 13; taluks 17; villages 37**

Seizure of ₹5,551 cr. of Xiaomi India: HC issues directive to competent authority

Authority set up under FEMA told to decide on the issue in 60 days

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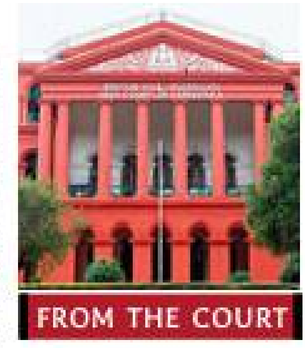

The High Court of Karnataka has directed the competent authority (CA) set up under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999, to decide within 60 days on the issue of the correctness of the seizure of ₹5,551.27 crore in the bank accounts of Xiaomi Technology India Pvt. Ltd. for transferring crores of rupees to companies abroad as royalty in violation of the law.

Justice S.G. Pandit issued the direction while disposing of the petition filed by Xiaomi India, which is a wholly-owned subsidy of China-based Xiaomi group. The company had questioned April 29, 2022 provisional order passed by the Authorised Officer (AO) of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) seizing the amount in its bank accounts.

The court noted that the AO, as per the FEMA, would have to submit within 30 days the seizure order and relevant materials before the CA, which has to decide the correctness within 180 days from the submission.

As the AO had already submitted the seizure order before the CA on May 27, the court found it appropriate to direct the CA to decide the issue within 60 days as the petitioner-company had claimed that its business was being impacted due to the seizure of the accounts.

Meanwhile, the court continued its earlier interim orders till the CA decided on the correctness of the seizure order. In its interim order, the court had permitted Xiaomi India to operate the bank accounts only to meet the expenses for its day-to-day activities and to take overdraft from the bank to make payments to foreign entities, excluding payment of royalty.

Royalty issue

Xiaomi India had contended in its petition that it had lawfully paid royalty to Qualcomm and Beijing Xiaomi Mobile Software Co., Ltd. for using proprietary licensed intellectual property (IP), particularly the Standard Essential Patents. Questioning the correctness of the ED's action, the petitioner-company had stated that it had disclosed to the Income Tax authorities the payment of the royalty from 2016 onwards.

However, the ED has told the court that Xiaomi India had not used any technology or IPR of Qualcomm or Beijing Xiaomi Ltd. and hence the question of paying royalty does not arise.

Section 4 of FEMA

Stating that Xiaomi India only buys from the manufacturers within India the completely manufactured mobile phones that are box-packed and ready to sell to the distributors without adding any technology or any other value to the purchased phones, the ED has alleged that amounts transferred outside India in the guise of royalty is contrary to Section 4 of the FEMA.

Gauri murder trial: Next hearing from Aug. 8

First week of the trial saw slain journalist-activist's sister Kavita Lankesh depose

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The first week of the trial in the Gauri Lankesh murder case ended on Friday and the case is posted for continuation of the trial for another week from August 8 to 13.

The first week saw the complainant in the case, Kavita Lankesh, sister of the slain journalist-activist, depose before the court and state that Gauri had told her about unidentified men suspiciously loitering around her house a week before she was killed. Ms. Kavita Lankesh denied any property dispute in the family or threats to Gauri from naxals, answering to specific allegations by the defence counsels.

Gauri Lankesh

Two other key witnesses deposed before the court this week: a close associate of the accused number 17, K.T. Naveen Kumar, who had asked the witness to practise firing with an air gun for "Hindu struggle" (he identified four key accused he had met – accused no. 1 Amol Kale, accused no. 5 Amit Degvekar, accused no. 13 Sujith Kumar, and Naveen Kumar) and a salesman from a weapons shop from where Naveen Kumar had bought an air gun. He identified Naveen Kumar in the open court hall.

Apart from these two key witnesses, mahazar witnesses of the crime scene of the murder, and the photographer who took photos of the crime scene were also examined.

Bar on early release of some life convicts: HC issues notice to govt.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday ordered issue of notice to the State government on a PIL petition, which has questioned the constitutional validity of the bar imposed on the premature release of certain categories of life convicts in the guidelines issued in 2020 to consider cases for premature release of life convicts.

A Division Bench comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice J.M. Khazi passed the order on the petition filed by Justice Initiative Foundation, a city-based not-for-profit company.

The petitioner has questioned the legality of bar imposed on six broad categories among the several categories of life convicts who have been kept out of the purview of consideration for premature release.

Categories of convicts

Bar on release of following categories of life convicts have been challenged by the petitioner. Foreign nationals; prisoners convicted by other countries/States lodged in the prisons of Karnataka; prisoners convicted for murder of prison officials, prisoner, prison visitor or public servant while on duty; prisoners convicted for offences against the State and offences against the Army, Navy and Air Force; prisoners convicted for murder while serving life sentence; and gangsters, contract killers, smugglers, drug traffickers, and perpetrators of murder committed with premediation and with exceptional violence or perversity.

Pointing out that there were 2,513 life convicts in Karnataka as per 2019 prison data, the petitioner has claimed that the guidelines do not follow any rational basis or principles of equality or equity in consideration of life convicts to be made eligible for premature release besides being contrary to the directions of the apex court and the guidelines of the National Human Rights Commission.

Violations

The guidelines are violative of the Articles 14, 15, and 21 of the Constitution of India for by creating arbitrary distinctions between similarly situated life convicts and curtailing their life and personal liberty, the petition has alleged while pointing out that no procedure is prescribed for recommending a prisoner for premature release by the Advisory Board.

Arguing that eligibility of any convict for release should be done in accordance with an objective, scientific and reasonable assessment of such convict, the petitioner has claimed that in the present system a prisoner would not get a right to give representation and all records of prisoner get submitted without his/her knowledge and explanation on his/her side for any adverse remarks.

Siddaramaiah, DKS meet over breakfast

KPCC chief to attend ex-CM's birthday bash

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Amid the perceived tussle in projecting the chief ministerial candidate of the Congress ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar and the former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah held a breakfast meeting at the latter's residence on Friday.

The two leaders met a day after Mr. Shivakumar announced that Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah's 75th birthday bash in the form of a massive public meeting would be held in Davangere next month as a formal Congress event.

Mr. Shivakumar, who has softened his stance on the birthday celebrations, said he too would attend the function.

The meeting is seen as an attempt to patch up differences between the two leaders on a host of issues in the party.

Though Mr. Siddaramaiah and Mr. Shivakumar have been told to face the elections under the collective leadership of the party, MLAs such as B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan and K. Raghavendra Hitnal have backed Mr. Siddaramaiah as the party's chief ministerial candidate.

The former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah invited KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar for a breakfast meeting at his residence in Bengaluru on Friday. •BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

Pension adalat

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The office of the Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle, will hold a Circle-Level Pension Adalat on July 27. Grievances, if any, may be submitted to the Assistant Accounts Officer (Accounts and Pension), office of the Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle, Bengaluru 560001 by registered post or by email to accts.ka@indiapost.gov.in before July 15, a press release stated.

BJP State office-bearers' meeting today

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The ruling BJP is holding a meeting of its State office-bearers in Hassan on Saturday. Coming close on the heels of party's national executive in Hyderabad, the party State unit is likely to prepare in the meeting an agenda based on the instructions given.

Agenda

A senior office-bearer of the BJP said it would include Mission Dakshin, a programme by the BJP to make inroads in southern region of the country. Among other things, the proposed meeting would also discuss the Central programme of 'ghar ghar thiranga' on hoisting national tricolours on all the houses to mark the platinum jubilee of the Independence Day, he noted.

KRRS to protest outside CM's house

STAFF REPORTER
KALABURAGI

Karnataka Rajya Raita Sangha members will stage a protest outside Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's residence on Monday demanding that the government direct sugar mills to clear their dues and fix the State Advisory Price of ₹4,500 per tonne of sugarcane.

Office of the Child Development Project Officer, Chikkaballapura.
 # Ambika K. Shanthamurthy Building, Vapasandra Ward No: - 2, Chikkaballapura-562101.
e-mail: cdpo_cbpur@yahoo.com Ph. No.: 08156-271161

No.: CDP:CPURA:A.C.E.D.:e-Tender: 2022-23
Date: 06.07.2022

e-Tender Notice for Distribution of Eggs to Beneficiaries of Anganwadi Centres, For Distribution of Eggs to 305 Anganwadi Centres coming under the limits of Department of Women Child Development, Chikkaballapura Taluk under Child Development Project for the year 2022-23, interested Firms can view the information related to the Tender in website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and can upload the applications. Commencement date for submission of applications: **06.07.2022** and last date: **27.07.2022 at 5.00 PM.** For further information Office of the Child Development Project can be contacted during office hours.

Sd/- Child Development Project Officer, Chikkaballapura.

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Office of the Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru
Tender Notification No.: 11/2022-23 Date: 07.07.2022

In the Tender Notice seen above, Tender is invited through Manual and e-proc from eligible contractors for works detailed below coming under Chikkamagaluru, Tarikere, Mudigere, Koppa and Kadur Public Works Department Sub Divisions of Chikkamagaluru District. Details of capabilities to undertake or having implemented the works should be attached (As per Standard Tender Document KW 1, 2, 3 & 4). The contractors can take up the contract only if they have the minimum eligibility as per section 3. Minimum approx. amount is Rs. 10.00 lakhs and Maximum approx. amount is Rs. 400.00 lakhs.

1) Tender should be submitted through e-procurement for works of Sl. No. 1 within 4.00 PM on 28.07.2022. The said Tender will be opened, if possible, on 29.07.2022 after 4.15 PM.

2) Tender should be submitted through e-procurement for works of Sl. No. 2 within 4.00 PM on 26.08.2022. The said Tender will be opened, if possible, on 29.08.2022 after 4.15 PM.

3) Tender should be submitted through e-procurement for works of Sl. No. 3 to 36 and Sl. No. 45 to 60 within 4.00 PM on 08.08.2022. The said Tender will be opened, if possible, on 10.08.2022 after 4.15 PM.

4) Tender should be submitted through e-procurement for works of Sl. No. 37 within 4.00 PM on 21.07.2022. The said Tender will be opened, if possible, on 22.07.2022 after 4.15 PM.

5) Tender should be submitted through e-procurement for works of Sl. No. 38 to 40 within 4.00 PM on 02.08.2022. The said Tender will be opened, if possible, on 03.08.2022 after 4.15 PM.

6) Tender should be submitted through e-procurement for works of Sl. No. 41 to 44 within 4.00 PM on 29.07.2022. The said Tender will be opened, if possible, on 30.07.2022 after 4.15 PM.

If these dates are declared as holidays, the next day will be considered. Further details can be obtained by contacting the case worker during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru.

DIPR/ckm/No.85/mca/22-23/550

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public is hereby informed that my client **Sri. K. Nithyananda Shetty**, aged about 60 years, son of Late Sri.K.M.Shetty, residing at No.289, 15th Main, R M V Extension, Bangalore-560080 has represented to me that he is the sole and absolute owner of the agricultural dry lands comprised in several Survey Nos of Uchalagollahalli Village, Thondebhavi Hobli, Gowribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapur District which are more particularly described in the Schedule here under. My client further informs me that the original documents of title including the original of the sale deeds executed and registered in his favour as listed below and connected records in respect of the Schedule lands are not traceable and inspite of his best efforts, he is unable to retrieve the same till date. In this regard, my client has lodged a complaint with the Inspector of Police, Sadashivanagar Police Station, Bangalore on 30/06/2022 vide Lost Report No. 0257694/2022. If any one were to trace all or more of the said original title deeds and connected records, they are called upon to deliver the same to the undersigned within a period of **ten days** from the date of this notice. If any person/s were to deal with the said original title deeds other than with the aforesaid owner, such transactions will not bind the aforesaid owner or the Schedule Property and such person/s will be doing so at his/her/their own risk and cost and further appropriate legal proceedings will be initiated against such person/s.

Details of the Sale Deed in Original as indicated above

Sale deed dated:28/12/2006 executed by Sri.T.Krishnamurthy and his brother Sri. Muniyappa in favour of Sri.Nithyananda Shetty, which has been duly registered as Document No.GBD-1-03073/2006-07 in Book – I, stored in CD No.GBD 17 with the Sub-Registrar, Gowribidanuru on 06/02/2007

SCHEDULE

Agricultural Lands located in **Uchalagollahalli Village, Thondebhavi Hobli, Gowribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapura District.**

SL.No	Survey No.	Total Extent in Acre -Gunta
1	6	11-39
2	8/1	5-32
3	11/1 (NEW No.11/3)	1-18
4	18	3-22
5	19 (New No 19/1)	3-30
6	20/1	6-39
7	21/1	1-29
8	21/2	3-06
9	21/3	1-03 ½
10	22/1	2-06

N. Gowtham Raghunath, Advocate,
Lakshmy Iyengar Associates
Office at: #203, 2nd Floor,
Brigade Business Suites, #44, 2nd Block,
Jayanagar, 100 Feet Road, Ashoka Pillar,
Bengaluru -560 011. Ph No. 7204754954
Email:lakshmyiyengar.associates@gmail.com
Date: 08.07.2022

Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Kolar.

E-Procurement Short Term Tender Notification No.: 09/2022-23, Dated: 06.07.2022

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitaion Department invites tender for the scheme of Jal Jeevan Mission (Functional household tap connection) 2021-22 of Malur Taluk, Kolar District. Item-rate tenders by two cover system through e-procurement portal. Those who have registered in PWD/CPWD(Government of Karnataka) are eligible in participation of tendering for more details visit website: **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Last date for online submission of Bid is **25.07.2022 up to 17.30 hours.**

Sd/-Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Kolar

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: 903/SEE/HBL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/EE(E)/T-1/22-23/CYS-09 Date: 08.07.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites Tenders for the following works on Total Turn Key basis.

1) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/903/SEE/HBL/Tr(W&M)/EE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/Anand Nagar for Shifting / Heightening of the existing 110kV SC line passing through the Priyadarshini Society School premises at Anandnagar in Hubballi.

2) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/EE/AEE-1/2022-23/Sutagatti for Shifting / Heightening of the existing 110kV DC Navanagar to Tarihal line passing through the Govt. Higher Primary School at Sutagatti.

The details regarding the above works through e-Procurement mode can be obtained by logging on to e-Procurement website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 11.07.2022. Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele), Transmission (W&M) Circle, Vidyuthnagar, Hubballi – 24. Phone: 0836-2203094.

Jagan's mother quits YSRCP

Y.S. Vijayamma says she will now back her daughter's work in Telangana

STAFF REPORTER
GUNTUR

Y.S. Vijayamma, honorary president of the YSR Congress Party and wife of former Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, announced in an emotionally charged speech here on Friday that she was resigning from the party.

Ms. Vijayamma said she would stand with her daughter, Y.S. Sharmila, president of the YSR Telangana Congress.

"Our family is indebted to you always. My son and Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy and my daughter Y.S. Sharmila are representing two different States and two different parties. My daughter has taken a decision to continue the legacy of YSR in Telangana, and the State will see elections much before Andhra Pradesh. I have stood by my son during his hardship, and If I continue to support him even when he is happy, I will be doing injustice to my daughter," Ms. Vijayamma said.

Jagan Mohan Reddy with his mother Y.S. Vijayamma during the YSRCP plenary, in Guntur district on Friday. • K.V.S. GIRI

Beginning her address by saying that people of the State had loved YSR and his family, Ms. Vijayamma said the YSRCP was born out of a commitment given to the people of the State. People of Andhra Pradesh had been with the family for the past 13 years, she said.

"My son, Jagan Mohan Reddy, had endured so many challenges thrown at him, he has endured tough situations and conspiracies and this party was born out of a desire to serve the people with all its strength. Our party has implemented 90% of its promises and ensured that ₹1.69 lakh crore of money is directly credited into accounts of people," said Ms. Vijayamma.

Reminiscing of an incident in family, Ms. Vijayamma said that Mr. Jagan had a desire to be in public life since he was a young student.

Polavaram fills up fast with Maharashtra rain

Water level touches 28.1 metres

STAFF REPORTER
RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

The Polavaram irrigation project across the Godavari in Andhra Pradesh has been receiving huge inflows of flood waters owing to heavy rain in Maharashtra in the past few days.

As on Friday, the water level at the project touched 28.1 metres.

"More than 1.6 lakh cusecs of water is being released downstream the project. However, there is no impact on the construction work schedule at the project site as on date," according to the Polavaram project authorities.

The habitations downstream the Polavaram project and the areas along the river in Rajamahendravaram city and other stretches have been alerted to the possible huge inflows of flood waters.

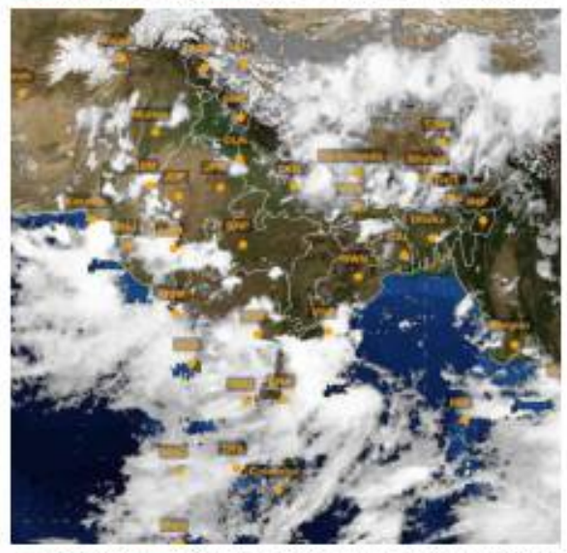
"Control rooms have been set up to monitor the inflows into the river at various locations, including Rajamahendravaram and Kovvur. We are prepared to tackle the huge inflows and their impact on the respective areas," said East Godavari Collector K. Madhavilatha.

An alert has been sounded in the region that fall in the submergence areas of the Polavaram irrigation project. IMD changed rainfall alert to Orange from red for some parts of Maharashtra.

Those in need of any help can contact the district authorities on the phone numbers 89779-35609, 0883-2442344 and 08812-31488.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at a few/ isolated places over Gujarat, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Nagaland, Odisha, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, coastal Karnataka, Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over coastal Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	4	33.7	26.9	Kozhikode	35	28.6	22.8
Ahmedabad	16	31.9	26.4	Kurnool	10	28.1	23.2
Aizawl	3	27.2	22.3	Lucknow	–	39.5	30.0
Allahabad	–	39.8	29.4	Madurai	–	38.0	24.6
Bengaluru	6	25.5	19.7	Mangaluru	106.6	25.2	22.4
Bhopal	2.4	29.0	25.2	Mumbai	41	29.4	24.4
Bhubaneswar	12.4	32.8	24.9	Mysuru	10	27.0	19.2
Chandigarh	–	37.6	30.0	New Delhi	–	39.0	29.2
Chennai	–	32.1	27.6	Patna	–	36.8	28.4
Coimbatore	4	31.3	21.6	Port Blair	6	31.2	25.5
Dehradun	–	33.5	26.4	Puducherry	–	35.2	25.6
Gangtok	2.7	21.1	19.5	Pune	15.2	26.2	21.6
Goa	151	27.0	22.8	Raipur	62.6	32.0	24.5
Guwahati	–	35.6	27.4	Ranchi	–	32.4	23.5
Hubballi	–	24.0	21.0	Shillong	–	25.5	18.1
Hyderabad	0.5	25.7	22.4	Shimla	–	28.5	21.8
Imphal	6	31.8	23.6	Srinagar	–	31.8	22.5
Jaipur	–	37.0	28.1	Thiruvananthapuram	3	32.2	24.0
Kochi	12	31.0	23.8	Tiruchi	–	35.5	26.5
Kohima	12	27.4	16.4	Vijayawada	15	28.0	25.8
Kolkata	–	33.0	27.7	Visakhapatnam	–	31.8	27.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	30	13	70	40	66	
Bengaluru	8	21	20	75	96	
Chennai	14	33	44	57	43	
Delhi	22	55	94	66	101	
Hyderabad	8	5	50	54	54	
Kolkata	12	11	14	28	47	
Lucknow	10	62	52	92	99	
Mumbai	9	1	23	82	162	
Pune	–	22	50	40	38	
Visakhapatnam	16	42	32	50	75	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bihar Sharif, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 213 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Gangtok, Sikkim recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Three boys held for gang-rape of minor girl

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CUDDALORE

A minor girl was gang-raped allegedly by three Class X students in Cuddalore district. Though the assault had taken place on July 1, the incident came to light after her parents reported the matter to the police, who registered a case and arrested the three juveniles on Thursday night.

The police also arrested a 17-year-old boy who had recently completed Plus Two for abetting the crime.

The police said the girl, studying in Class X at a government school, had attended the birthday celebration of her male friend, a Class XII student, on the school premises in May, without the knowledge of her parents. Three of her classmates shot the video of the celebrations on their mobile phones and threatened her on July 1 that they would reveal the incident to her parents. She requested her classmates to delete the clip but they claimed that the mobile phones were at home. They took her to one of their homes the same day and allegedly gang-raped her. They also filmed the act on their mobile phones and threatened to circulate the clip. A senior police officer said the juveniles had sent the clip to the victim's friend. As the victim looked depressed for a few days, her parents met her teachers at school. She revealed the incident when teachers spoke to her.

Heavy rain in Kerala till Tuesday

NDRF deploys teams; govt. identifies over 3,000 buildings to open relief camps;

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The heavy rainfall over north and central Kerala districts abated somewhat on Friday, but the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has warned that rainfall is likely to be fairly widespread over the State till Tuesday, prompting the government to step up arrangements to handle emergencies.

Nine people have died so far in monsoon-related incidents in the State since July 3, according to government data. No death was reported on Friday, but three people were injured in rainfall-related incidents in Idukki and Malappuram.

Revenue Minister K. Rajan said the government was fully prepared to tackle contingencies, given the rainfall warning issued by the IMD for the State. As many as 3,071 buildings had been identified for opening relief camps, the Minister, who reviewed the arrangements at an online meeting with District Collectors, said.

Violent barrage: Tidal waves lashing the shore near Kodungallur in Kerala on Thursday • K. K. NAJEEB

The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has placed one team each on standby in Wayanad, Kozhikode, and Idukki districts.

Active monsoon

Kerala can expect fairly widespread rainfall and thunderstorms with isolated heavy rainfall till Tuesday, the IMD said. The monsoon trough is active and south of its normal position. An offshore trough extends from the Gujarat coast to the Karnataka coast, while a cyclonic circulation persists over the Bay of Bengal off the Odisha and Andhra Pradesh coasts.

All districts except Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam and Pathanamthitta are on yellow alert for isolated heavy rainfall (6.4 cm to 11.5 cm in 24 hours) on Saturday.

By mid-July, a fresh cyclonic circulation is likely to form over central Bay of Bengal and intensify into a low-pressure area off the Odisha coast. But the system will have a low probability for further intensification, the IMD said.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.: CEE/TZ/KLB/Civil/2022-23/5072 Date: 05.07.2022
E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-Procurement mode only)
KPTCL invites bids for the following Civil works in Kalaburagi Zone on **Total Turnkey Basis.**
(1) Bid Enquiry No.: CEE/TZ/KLB/Civil/2022-23/01, (Call-3) dtd: 04.07.2022, Construction of area compound wall at 66kV sub-station, Kottur. (Others)
The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-Procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-procurement" or https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 08.07.2022.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.
Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electry. Transmission Zone, KPTCL, "Prasaran Bhavan", Sedam Road, Kalaburagi.

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ಸಂ.033/ಟಿಪಿ/ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ/5054-4059/2021-22/1924 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08-07-2022
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ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ/ಹಾವೇರಿ/ಪಿಆರ್/143/2022-23

Director General of Police and Director General
Karnataka State Fire and Emergency Services,
No. 1, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road, Bengaluru-560 042.
Tender Abstract Notification
No. SDRF/30/1/2014-15 Dated : 07.07.2022
Tenders are invited through e-procurement for supply of 04 Nos. of Scuba sets to Department as per department specifications for the Karnataka State Fire and Emergency Services department, Bengaluru.
Eligible suppliers are requested to participate through e-procurement only. Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Help Desk: 080-25501216/227
(1) Last date & time of tender queries: **11.07.2022 up to 17:00 hrs. (2)** Last date & time of submission of tender: **18.07.2022 up to 17:00 hrs (3)** Date & time of opening of technical bid: **20.07.2022 at 11:00 hrs. (4)** Date & time of opening of financial bid: **Will be intimated.**
Sd/- Deputy Inspector General of Police and Tender Inviting Officer, Karnataka State Fire & Emergency Services
DIPR/CP/1270/2022-23
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Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020
No.: BDA/TPM/CLU-33/765/2022-23 Date: 07.07.2022
PUBLICATION
[Under Section 14 (A) of Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, 1961 (KTCP)]
Sri. S. Shamaraaju S/o. Gangaraj, No.18, 6th Main Road, Near R.B.I Colony, Nataraja Layout, J.P.Nagar 7th Stage, Bengaluru-560 078 have requested for change of land use of Sy No. 110/2 for an extent 2 Acres 00 guntas (excluding 0-35 guntas Kharab) of Mylasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, which is earmarked as Agriculture zone in RMP-2015. Now it is requested for change of land use from Agriculture Zone to Residential Zone. Applicants stated that the Public interest in the proposal is that by changing land use from Agricultural use to Residential use, it would generate employment for local people and surrounding area will be developed by forming planned layout, it provides good roads, Civic Amenity & Park & open spaces for public use.
As required under section 14(A) of Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act 1961, any person/persons affected by this proposal may file his/her/their objections if any/in writing to the Town Planner Member, BDA, Bengaluru within 15 days from the date of publication. The suggestions/ objections received after the expiry of 15 days will not be considered.
Sd/- Town Planner Member, BDA, Bengaluru
BDA/PRO/CLU/32/2022-23.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given and brought to the notice of the general public that our clients **Sri. Shankar. B, Sri. Balakrishna Nagaraj & Sri. Ganesh. G. K** have negotiated and decided to purchase the Schedule Property from its respective owners. All persons having any claim against or to the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, conveyance, MOU, Agreement to Sell, G.P.A, transfer, lease deed, tenancy, license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, exchange, possession, adverse possession or minor interest/claims or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned at their office within 10 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which our client shall proceed without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
Item No. 1 :- ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of land bearing **Sy. No. 49/1** (Old Sy No. 49), measuring to an extent of **24 Guntas**, situated at Raghalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District bounded on as follows: **East by :** Land belonging to Thagadappa, Marakka and Venkatamma; **West by :** Government Oni; **North by :** Land belonging to Smt. Maina; **South by :** Land belonging to Smt. Venkatamma
Item No. 2 :- ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of land bearing **Sy. No. 49/1** (Old Sy No. 49), measuring to an extent of **16.08 Guntas**, situated at Raghalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District bounded on as follows: **East by :** Land belonging to Smt. Maina and Thagadappa; **West by :** Government Oni; **North by :** Land belonging to Smt. Kempamma; **South by :** Land belonging to Sri. Thagadappa
Item No. 3 :- ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of land bearing **Sy. No. 50/1** (Old Sy No. 50), measuring to an extent of **28.08 Guntas**, situated at Raghalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District bounded on as follows: **East by :** Land belonging to Thagadappa and Maina; **West by :** Land belonging to Thagadappa and Maina; **North by :** Land belonging to Smt. Maina; **South by :** Land belonging to Smt. Marakka;
Item No. 4 :- ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of land bearing **Sy. No. 50/1** (Old Sy No. 50), measuring to an extent of **27.08 Guntas**, situated at Raghalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District bounded on as follows: **East by :** Land belonging to Thagadappa and Maina; **West by :** Land belonging to Thagadappa and Kempamma; **North by :** Land belonging to Smt. Kempamma; **South by :** Land belonging to Sri. Thagadappa;
Item No. 5 :- ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of land bearing **Sy. No. 51/1** (Old Sy No. 51), measuring to an extent of **36 Guntas**, situated at Raghalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District bounded on as follows: **East by :** Government Oni; **West by:** Land belonging to Thagadappa, Maina Marakka and Venkatamma; **North by :** Land belonging to Smt. Maina; **South by :** Gomala Survey No.45.
Item No. 6:- ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of land bearing **Sy. No. 51/1** (Old Sy No. 51), measuring to an extent of **26 Guntas**, situated at Raghalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District bounded on as follows: **East by:** Government Road; **West by :** Land belonging to Maina and Kempamma; **North by :** Land belonging to Kempamma; **South by :** Land belonging to Thagadappa.
Dated this 09th day of July 2022 at Bangalore
M/S. LEGAL NEXUS,
ADVOCATES & CONSULTANTS,
No. 428, First Floor, 25th Cross, 24th Main
HSR Layout, Sector 2, Bangalore – 560 102
Phone: 080-65555914,
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KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti-586201. Tq:B.Bagewadi Dt: Vijayapur.
Phone:08426-281027 E-mail:dam_division@rediffmail.com
No: KBJNL/DDA/DB/TND/2022-23/1095-1099 Dated:06.07.2022
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (CALL-2)
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)
On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore the undersigned invites tender on percentage basis from the eligible contractors for the work of **(1) Indent No. 21907 for Rs. 211.23 Lakhs (2) Indent No. 21958 for Rs. 122.39 Lakhs (3) Indent No. 21903 for Rs. 112.28 Lakhs (4) Indent No. 21908 for Rs. 58.66 Lakhs (5) Indent No. 21722 for Rs. 55.92 Lakhs. The contractor can have access and submit e-tender from 07-07-2022 to 22-07-2022 up to 5-00 PM. Pre-Bid meeting held on (I.No.21958) Dated: 13-07-2022 at 3-30Pm. (I.No.21903) Dated: 14-07-2022 at 11-00Am (I.No.21907) Dated: 14-07-2022 at 3-30Pm Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Divn. Almatti. Cover-I (Technical Bid) will be opened on 25-07-2022 at 11-00AM Cover-II (Financial Bid) will be opened on 28-07-2022 at 11-00AM** at the Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti. For clarifications office of the undersigned may be contacted during office hours (Phone No. 08426-281027). Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnatak.gov.in/eportal /index.seam.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti
ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ/ಮುದ್ರಣಕ್ಕಾಗಿ/249/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022-23

Zilla Panchayath, Tumkur
Office of The Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Tumkur.
Phone: 0816-2252937.
NO.15/EE/RDWS&SD/TMK/JJM/2022-23/946 Date:07.07.2022
Short-term Tender Notification
On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Division Tumkur has Invites request for proposal tenders from the eligible bidders for the One and Two Cover work detailed in the table below. Tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTPP act shall be followed. The tenders are Required to submit through E-Procurement mode through portal .http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. from Class-III & above PWD Registered Contractors who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following JJM Works of Pavagada and Madhugiri Taluk of Tumkur Dist. As per the schedule given below. (Minimum Tender Amount Rs.6.02 Lakhs EMD Amount Rs.15,100/- and Maximum Tender Amount Rs.84.38 Lakhs EMD Amount Rs.1,68,760/-)
Particulars & Details : (1) Last date of submit bids on e-portal : **16.07.2022** Upto 17.00 Hours. **(2)** Pre Bid Meeting (KW-3 works): Date:**11.07.2022** at 11.00 A M Venue, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division Tumkur. **(3)** Technical Opening of Bids: **16.07.2022** at 17.30PM onwards **(4)** Financial Opening of Bids: **18.07.2022** at 11.00 AM onwards.
For further particulars/details may avail from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days and may visit the website : www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in
Sd/- Executve Engineer, RDW & S Division, Tumkur.
DIPR/TUM/281/MCA/2022-23

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No: KBJNL/DDA/DB/TND/2022-23/1123 Dated:06.07.2022
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (CALL-2)
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)
On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore the undersigned invites tender on percentage basis from the eligible contractors for the work of **(1) "Consultancy Services for Gate Raising methodology of cut opened portion of spillway crest gates of Almatti Dam to the FRL 524.256M" (Request For Proposal) (Call-2). The contractor can have access and submit e-tender from 07-07-2022 to 25-07-2022 up to 5-00 PM. The bidders should submit their queries on or before Dated:14-07-2022 till 5-00Pm. Pre-bid Meeting Dated: 16-07-2022 up to 11-00 AM at Office of the Chief Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Zone, Almatti Office. Cover-I (Technical Bid) will be opened on 27-07-2022 at 11-00AM Cover-II (Financial Bid) will be opened on 30-07-2022 at 11-00AM** at the Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti. For clarifications office of the undersigned may be contacted during office hours (Phone No. 08426-281027). Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti
ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ/ಮುದ್ರಣಕ್ಕಾಗಿ/251/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DISTRICT URBAN DEVELOPMENT CELL
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,BELAGAVI DISTRICT, BELAGAVI
Telephone no:0831-2407279 E-Mail:dudc_bgm@yahoo.co.in
No: BGM/DUDC/5/CR-25/2021-22 Dated: 08-07-2022
Tender Notification
The Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, Belagavi District invites tender in one/ two cover system using KW-1 & KW-4 Documents for Chief Minister Amrut Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 Project works as detailed below:- **(Rs. in Lakhs)**

Sl. No	Description of works	Amount Put to Tender (Excluding GST)	Earnest Money Deposit
1	Improvements of Road and Drain Works in Bailhongal Town Municipal Council limits. (Tender No.DMA/2022-23/RD/ WORK_INDENT 132960)	124.72	1.87
2	Installation of Electrical poles and Street lights in Town Panchayat Naganur limits. (Tender No. DMA/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT 133312)	11.04	0.28

Contractors can download and submit the tenders through e-Procurement portal at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Calendar of Events and other information are as follows:

1	Period of Completion	Sl.No.09 Months (Excluding Mansoon) Sl.No.03 Months (Excluding Mansoon)
2	Last Date for submission of tenders	08-08-2022 up to 17.00 hrs.
3	Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids)	10-08-2022 at 10.00 hrs.

Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in newspapers.
Sd/-EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
Distirct Urban Development Cell, Belagavi

Beating the heat

India must include financial incentives for adoption of effective cooling plans

The steady rise in the planet's temperature as a consequence of humanity's unfettered use of fossil fuel forms the backdrop to altered weather patterns everywhere. India too has been registering instances of anomalous weather with alarming frequency with an erratic monsoon and coastal erosion. However, some recent changes are seemingly paradoxical. An analysis of public weather data over the last half a century by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), suggests that the all-India average temperature during the monsoon months (June-September) is higher than the summer months (March-May). Monsoon temperatures are 0.3°C higher than average summer temperatures when compared from 1951-80. In 2012-2021, this anomaly rose to 0.4°C. The India Meteorological Department has said that India's average temperature has risen 0.62°C from 1901-2020 but the CSE analysis says – supporting similar studies on these lines – that this has not meant a uniform rise in temperatures across seasons. It is the winter (January and February) and post-monsoon (October-December) average all-India temperatures that have risen faster than even the monsoon and summer temperatures. Average daily maximum temperature for north-western States in March was 30.7°C, whereas the all-India average was 33.1°C or 2.4°C hotter. The average daily minimum temperature showed an even larger (4.9°C) difference. Central India's normal maximum was 2°-7°C higher, while south peninsular India's normal minimum was 4°-10°C higher than temperatures in northwest India.

The shattering of temperature records is only one part of the changes; there is also evidence of the toll on lives. From 2015-2020, 2,137 people had reportedly died due to heat stroke in northwest India but southern India had reported 2,444 deaths due to excess environmental heat, with Andhra Pradesh accounting for over half the reported casualties. The urban heat island effect – whereby cities because of concrete surfaces and dense populations tend to on average be hotter than rural habitations – also contributed to heat stress. Indian authorities are cognisant of these trends with some States, led by Gujarat, having Heat Action Plans (HAP). The National Disaster Management Authority is working with 23 out of 28 heat-prone States to develop HAPs that stress changes in the built environment: using material that keeps the indoors cooler, having an early warning system about heatwaves and improving health infrastructure to treat heat stroke patients. However, much remains in terms of reaching out to rural India as well as governments taking steps to plan infrastructure and housing in ways that recognise the dangers from a warming environment. It is time that India includes financial incentives, preferably via Budget outlays, for effective cooling plans. Adapting to and mitigating this most visceral challenge is the need of the hour.

Fair play

Equal pay in sports will bring in more women as players and fans

New Zealand Cricket striking a deal to remunerate its women cricketers the same as their male counterparts is a major landmark in the fight to close the gender pay gap in sports. From August, New Zealand's men and women players will be entitled to the same match fees, both at the international and domestic levels. This comes four months after the United States' women's national footballers won the six-year-long battle with their federation to secure equal compensation. The agreements are expected to be game changers, encouraging more girls to take up the sports. As New Zealand captain Sophie Devine said, "It's great to be recognised in the same agreement, alongside the men. It's a massive step forward and will be a huge drawcard for young women and girls." But victories in equal pay struggles have not come easy. Tennis moved first because of the untiring efforts of Billie Jean King, who pressured US Open to shell out the same for men and women back in 1973. That it took another 34 years for the other three Grand Slam tournaments to come around, with Wimbledon the last in 2007, shows the road is still uphill. Football, basketball and golf remain holdouts. Seen in this context, the decisions in New Zealand and the U.S. appear seismic.

Barriers to bridging the pay gap have come from various quarters. In tennis, the sporting argument that men play best-of-five-set matches at the Majors while the women best-of-three is often made. In cricket, any move to narrow the monetary gap between men and women, especially in India, is dithered over by citing lower market ratings for the ladies' game. But it would be prudent to focus on the factors that are holding women back – unequal opportunities, curtailed playing time and lack of investment. Historically, men taking to sport and following sport have been organic exercises, largely because of social conditioning. Women, on the other hand, have been forced to internalise that sporting participation and fandom are not for them. The need of the hour is to eliminate such barriers and improve access. The prime example in India is the success of Saina Nehwal and P.V. Sindhu, who benefited from a reasonably well-structured system, found success and rose to become highly paid stars in their own right. It will also help if the terms of the debate are widened. Reducing the pay gap is also about being fair and respectful, and recognising the effort and excellence women bring to sport. It is time the vicious cycle of fewer women accessing sports, fewer women becoming professionals and hence fewer women having commercial opportunities is broken and the glacial pace of the journey towards pay parity hastened.

The shadow war between Israel and Iran

Tel Aviv was once ready to supply nuclear missiles to Tehran, but its objective today is to stop Iran's nuclear capability

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In July 1977, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, the Shah of Iran, sent Lieutenant General Hassan Toufanian, his Deputy Minister of War and Armaments, to Israel to hold secret talks with the newly formed Likud government of Menachem Begin. In April that year, the Shah had signed six 'oil for arms' contracts with Shimon Peres, the Defence Minister in the previous Labor government. One of the contracts, code named 'Flower', sought Israel to modify its advanced surface-to-surface missiles and sell them to Iran. Gen. Toufanian's mission was to ensure that the change of government in Israel would not affect the deal. He met Major General Ezer Weizman, Defence Minister in the Begin government, and both of them agreed to build a military co-production line – Israel was to provide the technical know-how and Iran the finances and test sites. As part of it, Israel promised to supply Iran ballistic surface-to-surface missiles with a range of 700 kilometres that could carry a nuclear warhead, writes journalist Ronen Bergman in his book, *The Secret War with Iran*.

A shift in West Asia

Counterfactually speaking, had the Islamic Revolution not taken place, Iran would have had Israel-supplied nuclear missiles in the 1980s that could strike deep inside the Sunni kingdoms across the Persian Gulf. But the 1979 revolution that brought down the Shah's monarchy and turned the country into a theocratic republic radically altered not just Iran but the whole region as well. West Asia would never be the same again. The revolution moved Iran, one of the natural powers in the region in terms of resources, geography and population, from an American ally to its top enemy. For the Sunni Gulf monarchies, a Shia theocratic republic across the Gulf waters not only posed geopolitical challenges but also existential and ideological threats. For Israel, the region's only nuclear power, its most prominent rival was just born. But despite their shared concerns, these three pillars could not come together immediately as there were pre-existing contradictions between Israel and the Arab world. Four decades later, as Iran's regional profile keeps rising despite American sanctions, Israel and the Arab world, under the aegis of the United States, are coming together to counter their common foe. If Israel was ready to supply nuclear missiles to Tehran in the 1970s, its primary foreign policy objective today is to stop Iran from getting nuclear capability.

Octopus doctrine

There is already a shadow war going on between Israel and Iran. Israel has carried out covert operations inside Iran targeting its nuclear and missile programmes, in what former Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett called the "Octopus doctrine" – hit the octopus at its head, not just at its tentacles. Iran has responded with drone attacks, targeting what it claimed was a compound used by Israeli operatives in northern Iraq. Israel has carried out hundreds of air strikes inside Syria in recent years, targeting Iranian supplies and proxies, while a naval conflict between the countries, where ships linked to them have come under attacks in the Gulf, Arabian and the Mediterranean waters, is escalating.

There is a consensus among West Asia's anti-Iran axis (the U.S., Israel and the Gulf kingdoms) that Iran's nuclear programme should be scuttled. If Iran achieves nuclear capabilities (even if it does not make a bomb), it could alter the regional balance of power, which is now in favour of Israel.

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But there is no consensus on how to address this challenge. The Obama administration signed the 2015 nuclear agreement with Iran, which practically cut off its path towards nuclear capability. But Israel and the Gulf kingdoms were not happy with the JCPOA (or the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, as the deal is known) because in return for limiting Iran's nuclear programme, the agreement promised economic rewards to the Islamic Republic, which could transform Iran into a non-nuclear conventional, mainstream power in West Asia. Israel wants not just Iran's nuclear programme to be scuttled but also its rise to be contained. Israel saw its concerns being heard in Washington when the Trump administration decided to unilaterally pull the U.S. out of the nuclear deal and reimpose sanctions on Iran in 2018.

Pressure and resistance

U.S. President Donald Trump thought the administration's 'maximum pressure" approach would force Iran to flinch and return to the table to renegotiate the deal. Mr. Trump wanted concessions from Iran on its weapons programmes and regional activism (support for non-state actors). But Iran took a 'maximum resistance' policy to Mr. Trump's maximum pressure – it carried out attacks in Saudi Arabia and in the Gulf waters, stepped up support for its proxies, especially the Houthis in Yemen who now pose a direct security challenge to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates and started enriching large amounts of uranium to a higher purity and developing advanced centrifuges. The situation now is more complicated than it was in 2015. Iran is facing domestic pressure over its economic woes, but the regime, all branches of which are now controlled by hardliners, is highly unlikely to compromise on its weapons programme or regional policy. The U.S. wants to address the nuclear programme but it wants to do so through talks as it does not want to get stuck in another conflict in West Asia – certainly not now when its priorities are in Europe and Indo-Pacific.

In late February, a few days after Russia's Ukraine invasion began, a senior Iranian official told this writer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tehran's National Garden that "we are very close" to agree on reviving of the deal ("the U.S. returning to the agreement which, legally speaking, is still alive but in reality on life support", according to him) "while at the same time very far". It is close because Iran and world powers had broadly agreed on bringing the agreement back to life. But it was also far because Iran wanted "objective guarantees" from the U.S. that it would not renege on its promises once again. Iran would continue to resist any attempt by the U.S. to bring non-nuclear programme-related issues (read weapons programme) under the ambit of the nuclear deal, he said. Four months later, a deal is still elusive.

Multi-directional strategy

Different stakeholders in this geopolitical vortex have different views on how it should be resolved. Iran wants the sanctions to be lifted in return for going back to its 2015 commitments. But it also wants to emerge from the crisis economically stronger. The U.S. wants to scuttle Iran's nuclear programme *through talks*, but it wants a "stronger and longer" deal that would address not just Iran's nuclear programme but also its "destabilising" activities in the region. One of the reasons for the collapse of the Vienna talks was the Biden administration's refusal to undo the Trump decision of designating the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist group. Israel's goals (and that of its Gulf partners) are way more ambitious; it wants to scuttle Iran's nuclear programme, debilitate its military programme, build stronger region-wide defences against its proxies, and contain its rise. And it does not necessarily believe that Iran should be stopped through talks. Israel has come up with a multi-directional approach driven by a common goal – escalate the shadow war with Iran and forge a stronger security partnership with the Gulf kingdoms which could prepare them both for any full-scale war in the future, while the U.S. and Europe continue to hold talks with Iran. This strategy elevates Israel's role as a new security provider in the Gulf at a time when the U.S. is preoccupied with its priorities elsewhere.

But the Israeli strategy is laden with risks. It is true that the rise of a more cohesive anti-Iran axis is a significant challenge to the Islamic Republic. Iran is clearly under pressure after the Israeli attacks, which was evident when it recently fired the powerful IRGC spy chief. The assassination of Qassem Soleimani, the elite Quds Force chief, by the U.S. in January 2020 seems to have blunted Iran's clandestine operations abroad. Yet, Israel's repeated attempts at sabotage have not stopped Iran from enriching uranium, which is now a step away from weapons grade level or building advanced centrifuges. Besides occasional setbacks, the attacks have not derailed Iran's ballistic missiles or armed drones programme either. So if the nuclear talks collapse, Israel would be left with not many options. It would have to escalate its shadow war further to meet its goals. It is a very dangerous slope.

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A plan that is much more than just planting trees

The focus now is on 'forest landscape restoration', to regain ecological functionality and improve human welfare

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Last month, about 100 women, employed under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), were seen digging pits, planting trees and watering them in Nangal Khurd village, in Mansa district in Punjab, just in time for World Environment Day that is observed every year on June 5. Working alongside them were over 50 young people from a local club. The district administration was involved too. It was an example of community effort.

Let us move to this month. It is also time for Van Mahotsav, which literally means "celebrate the forest". The history of Van Mahotsav Day goes back to July 1947, when it was first organised by the Punjabi botanist, M.S. Randhawa. Subsequently, in 1950, Kanaiyalal Maneklal Munshi, an environmentalist and Union Minister of Agriculture and Food, expanded its reach and national scope. In today's world, forests need to be celebrated more than ever before. Simultaneously, more forests need to be created and restored. However, there is much debate about the efforts around tree planting. Is there a right way to do it? Are there dos and don'ts when it comes to mass tree-planting? Let us step back for the bigger picture.

According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), deforestation and forest degradation contribute around 12% of global greenhouse gas emissions. The total area occupied by primary forests in India has decreased by 3.6%.

The aim now

Typically, governments have relied on afforestation and reforestation as a means of establishing trees on non-treed land. These strategies have now evolved. The focus is now on forest landscape restoration – the process of regaining ecological functionality and improving human welfare across deforested or degraded forest landscapes.

This approach keeps in mind multiple land uses and people's needs in the short and long terms. Forest landscape restoration seeks to involve communities in the process of designing and executing mutually advantageous interventions for the upgradation of landscapes. Nearly two billion hectares of degraded land in the world (and 140 million hectares in India) have scope for potential restoration as forest land.

A crucial aspect of this process is to ensure the diversity of the species while planting trees. Natural forests with diverse native tree species are more efficient in sequestering carbon than monoculture tree plantations. Planting diverse species is also healthier for local communities and their livelihoods. An international study published earlier this year in the journal, *Science*, found that diversifying species in forest plantations has a positive impact on the quality of the forests.

In Punjab, for instance, the community is proactively planting

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native species such as Jhand (*Prosopis cineraria*), Desi Kikar (*Acacia nilotica*) and Pharwan (*Tamarix aphylla*), which are resilient and acclimatised. And most of these saplings have a high survival rate of 90%, a vital requirement for sustainable reforestation activities.

A pivotal role

Tree planting comes with varied environmental and ecological benefits. Forests are integral in regulating ecosystems, influencing the carbon cycle and mitigating the effects of climate change. Annually, forests absorb roughly 2.6 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide. This absorption includes nearly 33% of the carbon dioxide released from burning fossil fuels.

But beyond the environmental benefits, there is the human dimension that is at the front and centre. Millions of lives and livelihoods are intertwined with our forests. Forests are a boon for local communities and their livelihoods by functioning as a resource base for goods and services. India is an agrarian economy. According to academics from the World Resources Institute, forest ecosystems enrich soil fertility and water availability, enhancing agricultural productivity, and in turn the rural economy. Tree planting prevents erosion and stems flooding. Sustainable forest crops reduce food insecurity and empower women, allowing them to gain access to more nutritional diets and new income streams. Agroforestry lessens rural-to-urban migration and contributes to an increase in resources and household income. Planting trees is deeply linked to the 'wholistic' well-being of all individuals, the community, and the planet.

India and programmes

The span 2021-2030 is the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, emphasising efforts to restore degraded terrestrial ecosystems including forests. In 2011, the Bonn Challenge was launched with a global goal to restore 150 million hectares of degraded and deforested landscapes by 2020 and 350 million hectares by 2030. India joined the Bonn Challenge in 2015, pledging to restore 26 million hectares of degraded and deforested land by 2030. An additional carbon sink of 2.5 billion-3 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent through forest and tree cover is to be created by 2030.

There are a myriad government programmes such as Compensatory Afforestation, the National Afforestation Programme, the National Mission for a Green India (Green India Mission), the Nagar Van scheme and the Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme to name a few. There is a spotlight on youth via the Green Skill Development Programme for youth who aspire to attain employment in the environment and forest sectors. State governments are not far behind either, a case in point being Telangana, which has initiated a large-scale tree planting programme called 'Telanganaku Haritha Haram'.

However, forest restoration in India faces hurdles in terms of the identification of areas for restoration, a lack of importance accorded to research and scientific strategies in tree planting, stakeholders' conflicts of interest, and financing.

Planting a sapling

So, what is the right way to undertake tree plantation drives? To be successful, forest landscape restoration must be implemented proactively, bolstering landscapes and forest ecosystems to be durable and adjustable in the face of future challenges and societal needs. It also needs the involvement and the alignment of a host of stakeholders including the community, champions, government and landowners. The restoration of natural forest ecosystems can be strengthened through participatory governance by engaging stakeholders –as in the Punjab example. Vulnerable forest-dependent communities should be factored in, and any effort should be tailored to the local socio-economic context and landscape history of a region.

The women and youth of Mansa district are securing the future of their communities and their well-being while maximising the rewards of tree-planting. Let us pledge to truly celebrate the forests by doing it the right way. That is the maha utsav our forests need.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Shinzo Abe

The news of the former Japanese Prime Minister, Shinzo Abe, being felled by a bullet is shocking. That he faded away in an egalitarian country known for tranquil peace is unbelievable.
One recalls how he worked hard to ensure stellar bilateral relations between India and Japan. The world has lost a statesman of calibre.

A.V. NARAYANAN,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

■ Such a form of violence is extremely rare in Japanese society. One's heart goes out to his grieving family, and the people of Japan. Mr. Abe was a man of lofty principles. India will miss a good friend.

C.G. KURIAKOSE,
Malpppora, Kothamangalam, Kerala

■ The murder has sent shock waves – this in a country where political violence is a rarity. Shinzo Abe went the extra mile to position Japan as a responsible developed nation. His economic reforms are a significant feature of his unparalleled legacy.
There is also no doubt that under his reign, India-Japan ties reached greater heights. Mr. Abe will always be remembered for his exemplary commitment to democracy.

M. JEYARAM,
Sholavandan, Tamil Nadu

■ The cause for this insane and criminal act is a mystery. Mr. Abe was very friendly with Indian leaders and built up a good rapport. The contribution of the former leader to peace in the Asian region is notable and one hopes his legacy will live on with leaders after him. India is with Japan in this dark hour.

MUTHULAKSHMI SREENIVASAN,
Coimbatore

■ Former PM Abe was a leader who single-handedly boosted Japan's economic policies. He was a great leader who won hearts and whose far-sightedness shone in Asia. He will be remembered by this millennial generation for this – even in a world of egoistic leaders, there was a leader who was humble, yet assertive and engaging.

AADARSH AMBASTHA,
New Delhi

At Wimbledon

The withdrawal of Rafael Nadal from Wimbledon ('Sport' page, "Nadal pulls out with abdominal injury", July 8) does not come as a surprise for those who saw him grimacing with pain in the quarter-final match. It is disappointing that this has happened when another Grand Slam win was well within his reach. Being a determined player, he is sure to bounce back.

V. LAKSHMANAN,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

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The pharmacist and the tailor

The targeted killings of Umesh Kolhe and Kanhaiya Lal Teli in towns far apart have left their neighbourhoods stunned. **Shoumojit Banerjee** and **Devesh Pandey** visit the sites of murder in Amravati and Udaipur, respectively, and piece together the events

The area in Amravati where veterinary pharmacist Umesh Kolhe was killed on the night of June 21. (Below): A National Investigation Agency team is seen along with the local police outside the shop of tailor Kanhaiya Lal Teli, who was murdered by two assailants. • S. SUDARSHAN; V.V. KRISHNAN

June 21 marked the beginning of a long night for the Kolhe family. At around 10 p.m., veterinary pharmacist Umesh Kolhe, his son Sanket, and his pharmacist daughter-in-law Vaishnavi shut their drugstore 'Amit Medicals' in the bustling heart of Maharashtra's Amravati city to head home, just 2 km away, after a busy working day.

Three men on a bike were lying in wait at the corner of a turning, all in black with their faces covered. Two of them were carrying knives. Three others reportedly signalled the men after Kolhe closed his shop in Rachna Shree Mall. As Kolhe neared the corner and slowed his scooter, one of the assailants lunged at the 54-year-old and stabbed him.

"I saw my father falling. I spotted the knife in the hands of one of the assailants and started running towards him, but it was all over in barely half a minute," says a devastated Sanket.

Vaishnavi and Sanket frantically appealed to passers-by to help them. After a while, a stretcher appeared to take Kolhe to the hospital. But the popular pharmacist, who was known in the city for being "generous to a fault", according to his brother Mahesh Kolhe, was dead by then.

"Umesh's shirt and personal belongings were covered in blood. What a tragic irony for a family which has nothing to do with blood, crime or police investigations. Our contact with the police till now had been limited to visits to the passport office," says Mahesh Kolhe.

The police later said that an attempt on Umesh Kolhe's life had been planned on June 20, but he had escaped as he had either taken a different route home or had gone home early that day.

A twist in the tale

Kolhe was known in the business community in Amravati, Maharashtra, for being helpful. "He lent money to anyone who asked him for help, regardless of caste, creed, religion. After his death, the police looked through his cash register. The first thing they asked me was how he had managed to run his home given that so many people owed him money," says Mahesh Kolhe. A police official, requesting anonymity, says he was struck by the fact that no one had anything 'negative' to say about Umesh Kolhe.

And yet, Umesh Kolhe's fate was apparently sealed by the simple act of forwarding a WhatsApp message in support of suspended Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) spokesperson Nupur Sharma, who had recently attracted widespread censure for her controversial remarks on Prophet Muhammad.

Following the murder, the Amravati police arrested seven people in connection with the case. Irfan Khan, 35, was the alleged mastermind of the murder plot. Khan, who was nabbed from Nagpur, runs a helpline-cum-NGO in Amravati called Rahbar, which had reportedly carried out relief work during the pandemic. Mudassar Ahmed alias Sonu Raza Sheikh Ibrahim (22), Shahrukh Pathan alias Hidayat Khan (25), Abdul Taufik alias Nanu Sheikh Taslim (24), Shoaib Khan alias Sabir Khan (22) and Atib Rashid Aadil Rashid (22) were also arrested. The police identified Shoaib Khan as the one who had stabbed Umesh Kolhe. He has been charged with purchasing the murder weapon, reportedly from a friend for ₹300.

But the most startling twist in the tale came when the police arrested Yusuf Khan Bahadur Khan (44), a local veterinarian affectionately known as 'doctor sahab' in Amravati's Muslim-majority area. By all accounts, Umesh Kolhe and Yusuf Khan, who began their association in 2006, had a professionally fruitful and generally friendly relationship. So, how did this amicable relationship, an exemplar of Hindu-Muslim harmony in Amravati, turn sour?

According to the police, Umesh Kolhe had forwarded a WhatsApp post in support of Sharma to a group titled 'Black Freedom'. This group comprised pharmacists, veterinarians and individuals connected to their business. Yusuf Khan allegedly took a screenshot of the forward and sent it to other groups whose members were mostly Muslim. The authorities believe that the other accused were irked by the forward and began plotting Umesh Kolhe's murder.

"While the WhatsApp group was formed more than eight years ago, it wasn't titled 'Black Freedom' then. Someone gave this name later, and no one knows why. Both Umesh and Yusuf were part of it. A few days after my brother was murdered, the police asked us what the motive may have been. It was then that our suspicions turned towards Yusuf," says Mahesh Kolhe.

Yusuf Khan's family contend that he did not forward Umesh Kolhe's message envisaging such a gruesome end. They say he may have felt hurt over Umesh Kolhe's message and forwarded it to others with the intent of boycotting the pharmacist's business. "When he learnt of Umesh *bhaiyya*'s death, doctor sahab wept. He attended the funeral the next day and cooperated with the police in their probe. He was called a couple of times by the Kotwali police. He gave all the help needed," says a close relative of Yusuf Khan, requesting anonymity.

While the Khan family says the accused had given substantial business to Umesh Kolhe, the kin of the deceased say that the pharmacist had generously helped out Yusuf Khan on many occasions. "Yusuf used to visit our house. Umesh helped him out financially. But over the past year or so, Yusuf has been avoiding us as he owes Umesh more than ₹1.5 lakh," says Mahesh Kolhe.

Soon after Umesh Kolhe's death, a theory gained currency that Yusuf Khan had plotted the pharmacist's murder as he owed Kolhe a substantial sum of money. However, Yusuf Khan's relatives insist that the doctor and his wife had personally repaid the loan. They acknowledge the fact that Umesh Kolhe had helped Yusuf Khan. "Doctor sahab used to exchange Diwali greetings with the Kolhe family. Many false theories have unfortunately gained ground after the crime," says Yusuf Khan's relative.

Both families speak of how both men were hardworking. Umesh Kolhe's shop, set up in 1998, was a novelty as medicines for animals were a rarity in the district. "He used to open his shop at 7.45 a.m. and close it at 10 p.m. Several people used to affectionately call him 'Amit bhai'," recalls Mahesh Kolhe.

Yusuf Khan worked 16 hours a day, say his family members. "He was a role model; an honest, gentle and caring person. He was the sole breadwinner for his mother and four sisters, one of whom is divorced. His twin children have just turned three," says Khan's relative.

The relative is at pains to stress that Yusuf Khan had no connection with the alleged mastermind, Irfan Khan. "Yusuf has never met Irfan socially, nor has he anything to do with his NGO Rahbar. We are educated, respectable, law-abiding citizens. We find it appalling that Yusuf should be clubbed with the other accused," he says.

Political changes

Umesh Kolhe's murder took place during a tumultuous time in Maharashtra. The Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) coalition of the Shiv Sena, the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the Congress collapsed like a pack of cards following an intra-party rebellion within the Sena aided and abetted by the BJP. Soon after the killing, the BJP, now in power at the State, swung into action in conjunction with the Centre. The Union Home Ministry handed over the investigation of the murder to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), which has taken custody of the seven accused. Calling Umesh Kolhe's killing "barbaric", the new Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, in a thinly veiled warning directed at the MVA coalition and the police machinery under the State Home Department (which had been held by the NCP), said the reasons for initially portraying the murder as "a case of theft" would be investigated.

Following the murder, a battery of politicians, including the pro-BJP political duo of Amravati MP Navneet Rana and her husband, Badnera MLA Ravi Rana, descended on the Kolhe family home to convey their condolences. The local press claimed that Umesh Kolhe was a deeply religious person. His brother refutes the claims: "We have no connections with any political party. So, there's no need to give a religious spin to Umesh's death."

The BJP demanded to know why the Amravati Police Commissioner Aarti Singh took 11 days to file an FIR into the murder, while allegedly treating the crime as a robbery despite the fact that none of the pharmacist's personal belongings had been stolen by the assailants. Refuting the allegations that the police had treated the Kolhe murder as a possible robbery case, Singh says: "Since the day the crime occurred, we have been probing every angle by taking statements from witnesses. We never invoked any robbery sections in the FIR. Arrests were made from the day of Kolhe's murder." She says they took time to establish a motive and the suspicion that Umesh Kolhe was murdered because he had forwarded posts supporting Sharma was a prima facie one. Singh says Irfan Khan had given ₹10,000 to the other accused. This has led the police and the NIA to investigate the source of the funding of Irfan Khan's NGO. According to the authorities, Irfan Khan, a school dropout, became "extremely religious" a few years ago and took up social activities with a zeal.

'No ill-will'

The Kolhe and Khan families don't care about theories as they struggle to cope with loss. "We bear no ill-will towards Yusuf's family. I recently chanced upon a mobile phone picture of Yusuf holding his two children. One can only imagine what they must be going through. His family is devastated by his arrest. Many of our Muslim friends called me to say that they are ashamed of what happened and regret that they have lost face as a result of this crime," says Mahesh Kolhe.

The Khan family is quick to distance the veterinarian from any larger conspiracy owing to the police's assumption of his association with Irfan. A relative is hopeful that the doctor will get justice in the NIA probe and that the investigations will be concluded quickly.

"There is no doubt that the guilty in Umesh Kolhe's murder must be punished. But we sincerely hope for Yusuf's early release and justice for his family. This is a fight for the doctor's dignity," he says.

A tense aftermath in Udaipur

On the afternoon of June 28, at Bhoot Mahal, Maldas Street market of Udaipur, two assailants strode into Kanhaiya Lal Teli's shop posing as customers. As Lal, a tailor, took measurements for one of them, the other attacked him from behind. When Lal's assistants, Rajkumar Sharma and Ishwar Gour, attempted to rescue him, Gour sustained severe head injuries. The killers slit the tailor's throat and one of them recorded the gruesome act on a phone. They kept the weapons in a bag and fled the spot.

Hearing about the incident, shops in the area immediately closed for the day. Angry locals gathered in large numbers and prevented the police from removing Lal's body till the assailants were arrested. Within an hour, a video showing the perpetrators claiming responsibility for the murder and also issuing a death threat to Prime Minister Narendra Modi went viral on social media. The district administration issued prohibitory orders and suspended mobile Internet services. Following an announcement that the police had nabbed the killers in Rajsamand's Bhim, the crowd dispersed. The next morning, Lal's body was handed over to the family after postmortem at a government hospital mortuary. Senior police officers, led by Additional Director-General of Police Dinesh M.N., reached Lal's residence to offer their condolences.

But Udaipur remained tense. On June 29, despite curfew orders in large parts of the city, hundreds of protesters walked in a 4-km-long funeral procession shouting slogans. When Lal's body was being taken to the cremation ground, some of them hurled stones at a graveyard located close by. The police intervened and brought the situation under control.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot met the victim's relatives the next afternoon and assured them of all assistance. "We have demanded government jobs for my younger brother, Tarun, who is doing his B. Pharma, and me," says Lal's eldest son Yash. "The police have now provided us security. Many have given us monetary assistance. BJP leader Kapil Mishra met us and promised ₹1 crore [raised through crowd-funding]." Mishra later tweeted a screenshot showing that the amount had been transferred to Lal's wife Yashoda.

Amid allegations that Lal's requests for security were not heeded, two area policemen were suspended and 32 others, including senior officers, transferred out. Gehlot held a meeting with senior officials to review security arrangements for the Jagannath Rath Yatra to be taken out on July 1. The same day, thousands of Sarva Hindu Samaj supporters organised a procession demanding justice for Lal.

A post and threats

Reconstructing the sequence of events leading up to the murder, the investigators found that a message supporting Sharma was posted on Lal's Facebook page on June 8. Two days later, some persons went to his shop, got hold of his phone and deleted the post, says his family. On June 11, the tailor received a call from the Dhanmandi police saying that an FIR had been lodged against him over the post, based on a complaint from Nazim, who earlier ran a tailor shop nearby. Subsequently, he was arrested and released on bail after a day. After being told that some persons were seen loitering about under suspicious circumstances, Lal stayed away from his shop. It is suspected that his name and phone number had been circulated on some WhatsApp groups.

Lal had complained to the police on June 15 about the threats he had received over phone. The police brokered a compromise between him, Nazim and Nazim's supporters and also advised him against opening the shop for a few days. He was told to install a CCTV camera, which he did. On June 19, he opened the shop and a police constable came to check on him. But he again started getting threats. On June 25, according to his relatives, a woman and a man went to his shop and threatened Lal with dire consequences. "He would not share all the details with me, but I could sense that he was under tremendous stress," recalls Yashoda.

In his complaint to the police, Yash referred to another video created by one of the accused, Mohammed Riyaz Attari, on June 17 declaring that he was going to decapitate a person who had committed blasphemy.

Preliminary police findings suggest that after committing the murder, Riyaz and Ghous Mohammed drove to S.K. Engineering Factory in Sapetia village. There they made the video claiming responsibility for the murder and brandished bloodstained weapons. The two then left for Deogarh in Rajsamand, but were intercepted by the police in Bhim. The police suspect that the weapons were made in the factory where Riyaz worked as a welder.

The police found that Riyaz, from Asind in Bhilwara, lived on rent in the Khanjipeer area of Udaipur with his wife and two children. They had shifted to the room on June 12 and left it a day before the incident. Ghous, who is from Bhim, also lived in a rented room with his family in Khanjipeer. The police say that in February 2014, Ghous had visited Karachi in Pakistan and got affiliated with Pakistan-based outfit Dawat-e-Islami. Based on the investigations, the police arrested two other alleged conspirators, Mohsin Khan and Asif Hussain.

On June 29, the NIA took over the case on the Home Ministry's directive. It has taken custody of all the four accused till July 11. Another accused named Mohammed Mohsin has been arrested by the NIA and is now in custody for eight days.

Besides the FIR against Lal, FIRs were also registered against at least two more persons, including Nitin Jain who runs a tyre shop, on the same charge. He too received threats and people came looking for him at his shop, after which he has gone underground. His relatives have sought police protection. The police have arrested four young men for allegedly issuing threats to the third person.

Lal's murder has caused anxiety that communal fault lines are deepening. "For centuries, communities have been living here in harmony," says Manu Rao of *Udaipur News*. "No one had ever imagined that such a brutal crime would be committed here. All sections of society have condemned the incident. Representatives of the Muslim community have also met and thanked the Collector for restoring peace."

For others, the incident has caused not just fear but brought about a likelihood of reduced earnings. Akshay Singh Rao, a tour guide who also runs a hotel, says tourists have been asking whether it is safe to travel to Udaipur. "For two and half years, our businesses were badly impacted by the pandemic. Now this incident has only added to our woes," he says.

FROM PAGE ONE

Former Japan PM Shinzo Abe assassinated

Nara emergency services said he had been wounded on the right side of his neck and left clavicle. His brother, Defence Minister Nobuo Kishi, had said Mr. Abe was getting blood transfusions.

NHK showed live footage of Mr. Abe's wife, Akie, on her way by train to the hospital where he was being treated.

Mr. Kishida, Abe's protege, had been hoping to use the election to emerge from Abe's shadow and define his premiership, analysts have said. Mr. Kishida suspended his election campaign after the shooting. All main political parties condemned the attack.

Senior Japanese politicians are accompanied by armed security agents but often get close to the public, especially during political campaigns when they make roadside speeches and shake hands with passers-by.

In 2007, the mayor of Nagasaki was shot and killed by a yakuza gangster. The head of the Japan Socialist Party was assassinated during a speech in 1960 by a right-wing youth with a samurai short sword. A few other prominent post-war politicians were attacked but not injured.

SC grants interim bail to Zubair in U.P. case

The bail would be subject to the terms and conditions imposed by the Judicial Magistrate-I, Sitapur. Bail conditions would include barring Mr. Zubair from posting "any tweets". He should also "not tamper with any evidence, electronic or otherwise in Bengaluru or anywhere else". The court did not interfere with the investigation.

During the hour-long hearing, Additional Solicitor-General S.V. Raju, for the Uttar Pradesh Police, said Mr. Zubair had insulted the religious feelings of the followers of Bajrang Muni Das by calling a religious leader a "hate monger". He reasoned that Mr. Zubair had made allegations which could "incite disharmony".

"If you [Mr. Zubair] are such a nice person, you would have sent a letter to the police, why tweet?" Mr. Raju queried. The police had indeed arrested hate speakers in the past.

'Habitual offender'

Mr. Mehta termed Mr. Zubair a "habitual offender" and part of a "syndicate" which "very repeatedly puts out tweets to sensationalise or destabilise society". He said there was an angle of foreign contributions from countries inimical to India's interests.

Mr. Zubair's lawyer, Colin Gonsalves, countered that his client was a "secular tweeter defending the Constitution". He represented a prestigious organisation that meticulously traced hate speeches and informed the police. "The puzzling factor here is that a person who exposes hate speeches is in jail and those who are continuing to give hate speeches are out on bail... He did not insult any religion. He spoke out against those who made hate speeches of the most horrific kind. These people were arrested and bailed out. Once out on bail, they continued giving hate speeches. What is his crime?" Mr. Gonsalves asked.

'Facing death threats'

The senior lawyer urged the court to quash the Sitapur case entirely. He said Mr. Zubair was facing death threats. "His life is in danger. Many people are asking people to kill him... They are advising the police to torture him. He [Mr. Zubair] should be let out immediately. He should be allowed to go home," Mr. Gonsalves pleaded.

Mr. Mehta responded that Mr. Zubair had "six cases registered against him in the past two years".

"This is not the question of one tweet. Question is whether he is part of a syndicate. It has to be investigated," the Solicitor General argued. He said Mr. Zubair's tweet had the potential to cause a law and order situation.

The law officer contended that Mr. Zubair, though a fact-checker, had "suppressed facts" in the Supreme Court. He had not disclosed to the top court on July 7 that courts in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh had previously rejected his bail applications and ordered for his remand.

Mr. Mehta said the State had dropped the charge of publishing and transmitting obscene material under Section 67 of the Information Technology Act. Instead, the charge of promoting religious enmity under Section 153A of the Indian Penal Code was added against Mr. Zubair along with the original charge of Section 295A (insulting religion).

13 killed as flash floods hit yatra camp

Dozens missing near Baltal base camp in central Kashmir; rescue operation underway

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At least 13 people, mainly Amarnath pilgrims, died and dozens went missing after flash floods caused landslips near the Baltal base camp in the Ganderbal area of central Kashmir on Friday.

An official said the flash floods occurred around 5.30 p.m. and washed away scores of tents. "At least 13 people are feared dead. The bodies are being retrieved and the missing being located," a senior official said. One estimate suggested that nearly 40 people were missing at the site of flash floods. Scores of injured were shifted to temporary medical camps in Baltal. "We are planning to shift the seriously injured to hospitals in Srinagar," another official said.

The exact location of cloudburst and flash floods is Kali Mata Y Junction, located at the lower Amarnath cave towards the Baltal base camp

A top meteorologist told *The Hindu* that there is yet no confirmation that a "cloudburst" was responsible for the flooding.

A cloudburst, said M. Mohapatra, Director-General, India Meteorological Department, would mean rainfall in excess of 10 cm an hour whereas data from instruments at the Amarnath cave suggest that it was no more than 2.5 cm. "I can't confirm that it was a cloudburst. However, it is possible that there was more rain in the northern stretches. But we have no measurements and so that cannot be confirmed."

Cloudbursts are short-duration, intense rainfall events over a small area. The IMD defines it as a weather phenomenon with "unexpected precipitation" exceeding 100mm/h over a geographical region of approximately 20-30 square km.

Meanwhile, several teams of the police, National Disaster Response Force and State Disaster Response Force have launched multiple rescue operations.

Jammu and Kashmir L-G Manoj Sinha briefed PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. "Our priority is to save the lives of people. Instructions have been issued to provide all necessary assistance to pilgrims," Mr. Sinha said.

The Amarnath yatra resumed after three years. The annual yatra has twin routes of Pahalgam in south and Sonamarg to reach the shrine. The shrine is located at an altitude of 3,657 metres.

The flash floods resulted in the loss of lives of pilgrims who were on their way to Amarnath cave on Friday. • ITBP VIDEO GRAB

Don't take coercive action against TV anchor, asks SC

Ranjan faces FIRs for telecasting doctored video of Rahul

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The Supreme Court on July 8 directed that no coercive action should be taken by the police against TV anchor Rohit Ranjan in connection with multiple FIRs registered against him for the alleged telecast of misleading content on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

"There will be an interim order restraining the respondent-authorities from taking coercive steps against the petitioner to take him into custody in connection with the anchoring/telecast of DNA (his TV show) on July 1, 2022," the court order said. The court also issued notice to the Union of India. Mr. Ranjan had moved the court urgently seeking protection against arrest in the cases against him.

Mr. Ranjan's lawyers, senior advocate Siddharth Luthra, advocates Ruby Singh Ahuja and Samarjit Pattnaik of Karanjawala and Co. law firm, had argued that his client had apologised unconditionally for the "error" he had made in his show. "He is, however, facing multiple FIRs. The Noida Police have questioned him and released him on bail. The Chhattisgarh Police are seeking to arrest him," Mr. Luthra had submitted before the top court on an earlier occasion on July 6.

The Noida Police had whisked Mr. Ranjan away from his Ghaziabad residence on July 5 morning, leaving the Chhattisgarh Police, who had a non-bailable warrant against him, stranded.

The Chhattisgarh Police giving notice to the Noida Police regarding the arrest of Zee News anchor Rohit Ranjan. • PTI

Seeks security

The TV anchor had sought quashing of the FIRs and protection from any other complaint/FIR that may be filed or registered against him. He had also sought directions to provide him security.

He has also argued that multiple FIRs arising out of the same cause of action were not permissible under law. Mr. Ranjan contended that the issue was covered under the provisions of Sections 16 and 17 of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Programming Rules against the broadcaster. Therefore, when there was a special law dealing with the issues in question, there was no question to invoke the criminal statute or registration of FIRs. He said the multiple FIRs had led to police from various States hounding him for an act which was neither intentional nor motivated and for which an unconditional apology had already been tendered and telecast.

'Court passed ex-parte order in TV anchor case'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has neither stayed the investigations nor commented on the case pertaining to a doctored video of Rahul Gandhi, the party said on Friday after the court restrained the Chhattisgarh Police from arresting TV anchor Rohit Ranjan.

In a statement, Congress communication chief Jairam Ramesh said the court passed an ex-parte order and the State governments would furnish more facts.

ED slaps penalties on Amnesty, Aakar

₹61.72 crore fine for FEMA violation

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Adjudicating Authority of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has imposed a penalty of ₹51.72 crore on Amnesty India International Private Ltd. (AIIPL) and ₹10 crore on its former chief executive officer Aakar Patel in connection with alleged violation of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) in 2019.

The ED's inquiry was initiated on the basis of information that Amnesty International, U.K., had been remitting "huge amounts of foreign contribution" through its Indian entities not registered under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) through the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) route.

It was allegedly done to expand its non-government organisation (NGO) activities in India despite the denial of prior registration or permissions to the Amnesty International India Foundation Trust (AIIFT) and other trusts under the FCRA by the Union Home Ministry.

The show-cause notice issued by the ED had said that between November 2013 and June 2018, the remittance which was received by the AIIPL – and claimed as receipt for business/management consultancy and public relation services for export of services to foreign beneficiary – was nothing but the amount borrowed from the overseas sender, thereby violating the FEMA provisions.

"After getting a detailed reply from the AIIPL and following the principle of natural justice, the Adjudicating Authority of ED has held that the AIIPL is an umbrella entity under Amnesty International Ltd., U.K., which was declared to be set up for the cause of social activities in India," said the agency.

Aakar Patel, former CEO of Amnesty International India

However, the agency alleged, the AIIPL was involved in many activities that were not relevant to its declared commercial business, and a circumventing model had been used to route the foreign funds under the guise of business activities to escape the FCRA scrutiny.

"All contentions and submission from the AIIPL regarding the claim of the remittance towards the export of services to Amnesty International have been dismissed, in the absence of concrete evidence," it said.

More than ₹51.72 crore received by the AIIPL through inward remittances was "nothing but the fund lent by the Amnesty International to the AIIPL to ensure its objectives in the territorial jurisdiction of India".

IN BRIEF

PM to unveil Emblem on new Parliament

NEW DELHI

The State Emblem on top of the new Parliament building that is under construction is likely to be unveiled by PM Narendra Modi on July 11, according to reliable sources. The building is on course to be completed by the deadline in October, said an official. The emblem was created by sculptors Sunil Deore and Laxman Vyas, and the fabrication done in Aurangabad, Jaipur and Delhi, said another official.

Rahul Gandhi visits ailing Lalu Prasad at AIIMS

NEW DELHI

Congress leader and Parliament member Rahul Gandhi on Friday visited ailing Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad Yadav, who is currently undergoing treatment at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi. Mr. Yadav, former chief minister of Bihar, was airlifted to Delhi in an air ambulance from Bihar on Wednesday, three days after he fractured his right shoulder due to a fall at his Patna home. Mr. Gandhi spent around 20 minutes with Mr. Yadav, enquiring about his conditions from the doctors at AIIMS.

J&K L-G orders probe into police recruitment scam

SRINAGAR

Facing criticism and street protests, Jammu and Kashmir L-G Manoj Sinha on Friday ordered a probe by the CBI into the recruitment of sub-inspectors (SIs) in the Union Territory (U.T.), first such major recruitment since the Centre ended J&K's special constitutional position. "JKP Sub-Inspector recruitment has been cancelled and a CBI probe has been recommended into the selection process. Culprits will be brought to justice soon. It's a first big step towards securing the future of our youth and the government will soon decide the future course of action for recruitment," Mr. Sinha said.

Artworks worth ₹40 crore seized in DHFL case

NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday seized artworks estimated to be worth about ₹40 crore during searches conducted over the ₹34,615-crore bank fraud case against Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. (DHFL), its promoters and others. According to the agency, the searches were carried out on the premises of Rebecca Dewan and Ajay Ramesh Nawandar in Mumbai and Dewan Villa, Mahabaleshwar in Maharashtra. "Ajay is said to be an aide of Pakistan-based Dawood Ibrahim's associate Chhota Shakeel," said an agency official.

Phone tap: CBI books ex-MDs of NSE, retired IPS officer

Searches conducted in Mumbai, Pune, Delhi, Lucknow

DEVESH K. PANDEY
NEW DELHI

The CBI has registered a case against two former managing directors of the National Stock Exchange (NSE), Ravi Narain and Chitra Ramkrishna, retired Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Sanjay Pandey and others for alleged phone tapping of NSE employees from 2009 to 2017.

The agency searched eight locations in Mumbai, including the premises of Mr. Pandey, two in Pune, five in and around Delhi, and one each in Lucknow, Kota and Chandigarh.

Among those named in the case are Delhi-based iSec Services Private Ltd., its then directors, Santosh Pandey, Anand Narayan, Armaan Pandey and Manish Mittal; then senior information security analyst Naman Chaturvedi and one Arun Kumar Singh.

The others are the then NSE executive vice-president Ravi Varanasi and then head (premises) Mahesh Haldipur.

The National Stock Exchange

The case has been registered on a reference from the Union Home Ministry in connection with alleged interception of telephones of the NSE employees carried out by its top management in collusion with iSec Services.

"It was alleged that during 2009-17, then MD [Mr. Narain], then DMD [Ms. Ramkrishna], then executive vice-president and then head (premises) of the NSE and the private company conspired to illegally intercept the telephones of NSE employees," the agency said.

The company was allegedly engaged on the pretext of conducting a "periodic study of cyber vulnerabilities" at the NSE.

"The top officials of the exchange issued agreement/work orders in iSec Services' favour and illegally intercepted the phone calls of its employees by installing machine(s). No permission for this activity was taken from the competent authority as provided under Section 5 of the Indian Telegraph Act. Also, no consent of the NSE employees was taken in this matter. The transcripts of these calls were allegedly provided by the company to the accused NSE functionaries. About ₹4.45 crore was allegedly paid for the job," an agency official said.

Differences over Russia dominate G-20 meeting

Divisions among the countries were visible as the U.S. and Russia blamed each other for the crisis

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Friday met with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Bali on the sidelines of the G-20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting. The meetings indicated the emerging differences within the G-20 grouping as Russia accused the United States of forcing Europe and the rest of the world to abandon cheap energy sources while the U.S. blamed Moscow for "global food insecurity".

"Continued the conversation with Secretary Blinken on global and regional issues, this time in Bali G-20 Foreign Ministers Meeting. Our relationship today allows us to approach a range of challenges with greater understanding and openness," said Mr. Jaishankar said after the meeting.

The interaction was held against the backdrop of increasing supply of Russian crude to India disregarding American pressure to reduce India's dependence on Russian petroleum supply.

Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar with Sergey Lavrov during G-20 Foreign Ministers' Summit in Indonesia on Friday. • AP

In the June 26-27 G-7 summit in Munich, where both India and Indonesia were special guests, the leaders of the G-7 countries floated the idea of capping Russian petroleum prices that India has not supported so far.

The Indian Minister's interactions are indicative of the dynamics within the G-20, which will meet in India in 2023.

The G-20 – as many as 20 of the world's biggest economic powers such as the U.S., Russia, the European Union, India, Indonesia and Japan – has a mandate to discuss global economic matters, but the Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Bali was dominated by criticism of Russia by the western members.

The Ukraine war and its economic fallouts are hinting at a division within the ranks of the global grouping, with the U.S., EU, Japan, Canada, Australia and France forming one anti-Russia block while the rest of the countries prefer a cautious approach asking for peaceful resolution of the war in Ukraine.

Following his meeting with Mr. Jaishankar, Mr. Blinken said "bilateral partnership as well as collective efforts to address the implications of Russia's war against Ukraine" were discussed. In his remarks at the main event, Mr. Blinken blamed Russia for the global food crisis, and said, "During the G-20, I had productive discussions on the global food security crisis. The US will continue to work with other partners and allies to respond to the challenges facing the global economy."

The Russian arguments were placed forcefully by Mr. Lavrov, who said that the language of the Western countries has made negotiations futile.

"If western countries want to defeat Russia on the battlefield in Ukraine, then there is nothing to talk with them. The U.S. is forcing Europe and the rest of the world to abandon cheap energy resources and to switch to much more expensive ones. Their approach is all about ideology and not about the welfare of Ukrainians." He reiterated Russia's argument on food scarcity, and said the responsibility for supplying grains from Ukraine's storage lies with Kyiv as it has to de-mine its ports to enable the supply. "The western counterparts avoided discussion on global economy matters as per the G-20 mandate and lapsed into an indiscriminate criticism of the Russian federation regarding the situation in Ukraine," said Mr. Lavrov.

My friend, Abe San

In a blog post, PM recalls interactions with 'global statesman'

NARENDRA MODI

Cultural ties: In this photo dated December 12, 2015, Narendra Modi and Shinzo Abe perform a puja on the banks of the Ganga in Varanasi. •RAJEEV BHATT

Shinzo Abe – an outstanding leader of Japan, a towering global statesman, and a great champion of India-Japan friendship – is not among us anymore. Japan and the world have lost a great visionary. And, I have lost a dear friend.

I first met him in 2007, during my visit to Japan as the Chief Minister of Gujarat. Right from that first meeting, our friendship went beyond the trappings of office and the shackles of official protocol.

Our visit to Toji temple in Kyoto, our train journey on the Shinkansen, our visit to the Sabarmati Ashram in Ahmedabad, the Ganga Aarati in Kashi, the elaborate tea ceremony in Tokyo, the list of our memorable interactions is indeed long.

And, I will always cherish the singular honour of having been invited to his family home in Yamanashi prefecture, nestled among the foothills of Mt. Fuji.

Even when he was not the Prime Minister of Japan between 2007 and 2012, and more recently after 2020, our personal bond remained as strong as ever.

Every meeting with Abe San was intellectually stimulating. He was always full of new ideas and invaluable insights on governance, economy, culture, foreign policy, and various other subjects.

His counsel inspired me in my economic choices for Gujarat. And, his support was instrumental in building Gujarat's vibrant partnership with Japan.

Later on, it was my privilege to work with him to bring about an unprecedented transformation of the strategic partnership between India and Japan. From a largely narrow, bilateral economic relationship, Abe San helped turn it into a broad, comprehensive one, which not only covered every field of national endeavour, but became pivotal for our two countries' and the region's security. For him, this was one of the most consequential relationships for the people of our two countries and the world. He was resolute in pursuing the civil nuclear agreement with India – a most difficult one for his country – and decisive in offering the most generous terms for the High Speed Rail in India.

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Abe San had a deep insight into the complex and multiple transitions taking place in the world, the vision to be ahead of his time to see its impact on politics, society, economy and international relations, the wisdom to know the choices that were to be made, the capacity to make clear and bold decisions even in the face of conventions and the rare ability to carry his people and the world with him. His far-reaching policies – Abenomics – reinvigorated the Japanese economy and reignited the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship of his people.

Enduring legacy

Among his greatest gifts to us and his most enduring legacy, and one for which the world will always be indebted, is his foresight in recognising the changing tides and gathering storm of our time and his leadership in responding to it.

Long before others, he, in his seminal speech to the Indian Parliament in 2007, laid the ground for the emergence of the Indo-Pacific region as a contemporary political, strategic and economic reality.

And, he led from the front in building a framework and architecture for its stable and secure, peaceful and prosperous future, based on values that he deeply cherished – respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, adherence to international law and rules, peaceful conduct of international relations in a spirit of equality and shared prosperity through deeper economic engagement.

The Quad, the ASEAN-led forums, the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative, the Asia-Africa Growth Corridor and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure all benefited from his contributions.

Quietly and without fanfare, and overcoming hesitation at home and scepticism abroad, he transformed Japan's strategic engagement, including in defence, connectivity, infrastructure and sustainability, across the Indo-Pacific region. For that, the region is more optimistic about its destiny and the world more confident about its future.

Leaders across spectrum mourn death of former Japanese PM

India honoured Shinzo Abe with the Padma Vibhushan in 2021

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

India will observe a day of mourning for former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Saturday even as Prime Minister Modi, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and leaders across the political spectrum condoled the loss of a leader who gave India-Japan ties a new energy during his tenure. As news of Mr. Abe being shot came in, Mr. Modi and the former Prime Minister and senior Congress leader issued statements praying for his health, and as his death was confirmed a few hours later at the Medical University Hospital in Nara, many joined in to condole his death.

In 2021, the Union government awarded Mr. Abe the Padma Vibhushan, the country's second highest civilian honour.

"Mr. Abe made an immense contribution to elevating India-Japan relations to the level of a special strategic and global partnership. Today, India mourns with Japan and we stand in solidarity with our Japanese brothers and sisters in this difficult moment," Mr. Modi said in a tweet.

Mr. Abe visited India in 2007 during his first tenure at the invitation of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, addressed Parliament and set up several mechanisms for intensifying relations, including proposing the "Quadrilateral Strategic Dialogue" (QSD). Mr. Modi visited Japan as Gujarat Chief Minister in 2007 and discussed investment projects with Mr. Abe, and continued the close relationship when both were leaders of their countries from 2014 to 2020.

President Ram Nath Kovind tweeted, "I find it difficult to believe that Shinzo Abe is no more. He was a great statesman, & his infectious affability endeared him the world over. That he fell prey to an assassin's bullet is a tragedy for the whole humanity. My heartfelt condolences to his family and people of Japan."

Deep bond: In this photo dated January 25, 2014, Manmohan Singh and Shinzo Abe interact in New Delhi. •PTI

In his first tenure, Mr. Modi made Japan his first bilateral destination outside the neighbourhood (after Bhutan and Nepal).

Since then, the two Prime Ministers had been seen at alternating annual summits in Japan and India, sharing a considerable amount of personal time together.

India and Japan were able to conclude the Civil Nuclear deal, considered impossible given Japan's nuclear sensitivities and India's refusal to sign the Non-Proliferation Treaty, only due to Mr. Abe's persistence with his Parliament.

Dr. Manmohan Singh said that he was "deeply shocked by the tragic attack" on his friend. While Mr. Singh was more than 20 years older than Mr. Abe, the two leaders struck up an easy relationship during the latter's first visit to India, where they discussed economic issues.

Global partners

"During my tenure as Prime Minister, we worked to raise both our countries' ties to the level of a global and strategic partnership," said Mr. Singh, adding that relations had been taken to "a qualitatively new level".

During Mr. Abe's visit to Delhi in 2014, when he was Japan's first Prime Minister to be invited as chief guest to the Republic Day parade, his aide Tomohiko Taniguchi told reporters that Mr. Abe considered Mr. Singh his "mentor or guru".

Meanwhile, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, who had known Mr. Abe since his years as Indian Deputy Chief of Mission in the Indian Embassy in Tokyo (1996-2000), said it was a "sad day for the world, and him personally. "A quarter century of memories of Shinzo Abe. No words to express them," he added.

In a condolence message, Congress president Sonia Gandhi called Mr. Abe's death a "huge misfortune" for Japan and the entire international community. Congress MP Rahul Gandhi said Mr. Abe's role in strengthening the India-Japan relationship was "commendable", and said Mr. Abe left a "lasting legacy" in the Indo-Pacific, referring to his work in steering the Quad engagement when it was revived in 2017.

In December 2019, Mr. Abe had to cancel his visit to India where he was set to hold the annual summit with Mr. Modi, as violent protests broke out over the Citizenship Amendment Act, which had just been passed in Parliament. Attempts to reschedule the visit failed after the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020, and Mr. Abe stepped down that year due to his own health condition.

His desire to go to India's northeastern States, where Japan has made a significant commitment to development, was never fulfilled. Nor was the dream of the Japanese bullet train from Ahmedabad to Mumbai, which he and Mr. Modi signed together, but has been subsequently delayed due to land acquisition and other issues. Mr. Modi last met him in May this year, when he travelled to Tokyo for the Quad Summit. Mr. Abe had also just taken over as the chairperson of the Japan-India association.

The Home Ministry announced one day's State Mourning throughout the country on Saturday as "a mark of respect to the departed dignitary." "The National Flag will be flown at half-mast on the day of mourning throughout India on all buildings where the National Flag is flown regularly and there will be no official entertainment on the day," the statement said.

Tributes pour in for India's 'close ally'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Tributes for former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe poured in from across the country on Friday.

Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu said he was anguished by the demise of Mr. Abe. "Mr. Abe played a crucial role in strengthening India-Japan ties. My deepest condolences to his family members and the people of Japan," he said on Twitter. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh tweeted, "His role in strengthening the strategic relationship between India & Japan was commendable. He leaves behind a lasting legacy in the Indo-Pacific."

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said, "The world has lost a great leader. May the departed soul rest in peace. My prayers are with his family and friends."

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said Mr. Abe was a close ally of India. "Deeply saddened and shocked by the untimely tragic demise of former PM of Japan Mr. Shinzo Abe. He was a close ally of India who advocated cordial relationship between both countries. The people of Japan have lost a true statesman of global stature. Rest in peace," Mr. Khattar tweeted.

Describing Mr. Abe as a "great friend of India", Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said, "He played a key role in strengthening the Indo-Japan bond."

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said in a statement, "Abe was a visionary leader and statesman, who worked tirelessly for the betterment of humanity. He left an indelible impression on the hearts and minds of people across the world."

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IN BRIEF

HC grants bail to former Punjab Minister Singla

CHANDIGARH

The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Friday granted bail to former Punjab Health Minister Vijay Singla, who was sacked from the Punjab Cabinet over allegations of corruption. On May 24, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann dismissed Mr. Singla from the Cabinet, for allegedly seeking a 1% commission on tenders for contracts and others in the Health and Family Welfare Department.

New GTA board to be formed on July 12

KOLKATA

The formation of a new board of Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) will be held on July 12, when the newly elected members of the regional autonomous body will be administered oath. Anit Thapa, the leader of Bharatiya Gorkha Prajatantrik Morcha, whose party won 27 of the 45 seats of the GTA in the polls held on June 26, said that Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is likely to participate in the swearing-in ceremony in the hills.

Don't sacrifice cows on Id: Badruddin Ajmal

GUWAHATI

Assam MP Maulana Badruddin Ajmal said Muslims in the State should keep the sentiments of Hindus in mind and sacrifice animals other than cows during Id-ul-Adha. He is the president of the Assam State Jamiat Ulama. "Why should we sacrifice the cow when our brothers adhering to the Sanatan (Hindu) faith worship the cow and consider it as their mother?" Mr. Ajmal told presspersons on Thursday.

Assam women's group opposes railway route

GUWAHATI

An influential women's group in Assam has opposed the Railway Ministry's proposal for an alternative to a hill railway system that suffered extensive damage because of heavy rainfall and landslips in April. The Dimasa Mothers' Association (DMA) demanded the revocation of the decision to survey the Lanka-Silchar route and said the new route could lead to another man-made disaster causing more damage to the hills.

'Prosecute soldiers for killing Naga civilians'

GUWAHATI

A rights group has asked the Centre to sanction the prosecution of the Army personnel found involved in the killing of civilians in Nagaland's Mon district in 2021. They have also asked to make the findings of the special investigation team (SIT) public. Soldiers of an elite unit of the Army had on December 4, 2021, gunned down 13 civilians near Oting village in a botched ambush. The SIT had named 30 Army personnel in its chargesheet.

VHP starts helplines to 'save Hindus'

It cites killings in Udaipur, Amravati

ISHITA MISHRA
NEW DELHI

The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) on Friday issued helpline numbers of the Bajrang Dal "to save Hindus from jihadi threats".

The helpline numbers were initially issued for 35 regions in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Karnataka, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Ladakh, Punjab, Maharashtra, Telangana, Haryana, Rajasthan and Gujarat.

"Efforts are being made to create an atmosphere of terror in the country. The 'jihadi forces' are brutally killing people to create panic. The killings of Umesh Kolhe in Amravati and Kanhaiya Lal in Udaipur are examples of the same. Even the system and the police are not supporting these victims. The VHP's Bajrang Dal front will ensure that such people do get justice and help. They will become a bridge between people and the system. All this will be done in a democratic way," Vinod Bansal, national spokesperson of the VHP, said.

"The Vishwa Hindu Parishad divides India into 44 regions. We had prepared a list of 20 such regions initially, but started getting calls from people of other regions as well. They also demanded helplines. So we issued a fresh list."

Mr. Bansal said Hindus had been threatened for practising their religion and customs and speaking the truth. People who supported their religion or criticised those who attacked it were being trolled, bullied, thrashed and even killed in broad daylight. He urged them to come out in the open against those who tried to threaten them for practising their religion and approach the police.

'Growth with inclusivity is the main principle of government'

Narendra Modi speaks at the inaugural Arun Jaitley Memorial Lecture

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Growth with inclusivity is the driving principle behind the government's approach to policy making, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday, stressing that a road map is being readied to pursue 'reforms by conviction' over the coming 25 years, unlike the 'reforms by compulsion' undertaken in the past.

Addressing the inaugural Arun Jaitley Memorial Lecture in New Delhi, the PM said his experience as a head of government for 20 years had taught him that growth is not possible without inclusion and inclusion is also not possible without growth.

Citing the improvements in bringing basic amenities to people over the past eight years, be it in provision of housing, cooking gas, electricity or water supply, Mr. Modi said, "Over the past eight years, the speed and scale at which India has worked on inclusion, you will not find an example anywhere else in the world."

Point of view: Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the first 'Arun Jaitley Memorial Lecture' in New Delhi. • PTI

Under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, not only have over 50 crore poor got access to good hospitals for free treatment of up to ₹5 lakh, the phenomenon has paved the way for growth as a third of the population that was excluded from access to healthcare have now been added to the development mainstream.

"This has had a direct impact as the healthcare capacity had to become stronger. Before 2014, India set up an average of 50 medical colleges every 10 years. In the last eight years, 209 new medical colleges have been set up. In the coming ten years, that number will reach 400," he pointed out.

Arguing that the government heard the view of most people, the PM said decisions are taken based on the people's pulse rather than populism. "You can see the difference between the recovery in India and the rest of the world today," he emphasised.

Referring to the challenges flagged by Singapore's senior Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam, who stressed that India must grow at least 8% to 10% over the next 25 years, the PM said, "I agree there are challenges, but if there are challenges, there are 130 crore solutions as well. This is my faith and we are walking ahead with an approach to challenge the challenges."

Militant, soldier killed in Kupwara

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

A militant and a soldier were killed on Friday during an anti-infiltration operation of the Army along the Line of Control in Kupwara district of north Kashmir. The soldier has been identified as Jasvir Singh of 6-JAK Rifles.

According to officials, the Army, during the operation, foiled an infiltration bid by three or four militants in the Tangdhar sector.

Security agencies suspect that the group may be a part of the Border Action Team (BAT), which usually attacks military installations near the Line of Control (LoC).

The Army recovered one AK-47 and three magazines, four pistols and three magazines, five hand grenades and ammunition from the slain militant, whose identity has not been ascertained.

Defence exports touch ₹13,000 cr.: official

75 Artificial Intelligence products having applications in the sector will be launched, Defence Ministry

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

India's defence exports for 2021-22 were estimated at ₹13,000 crore, the highest ever, Sanjay Jaju, Additional Secretary in the Defence Ministry, said here on Friday. The U.S. was a major buyer, as also nations in Southeast Asia, West Asia and Africa.

"The private sector accounted for 70% of the exports, while public sector firms accounted for the rest," Mr. Jaju said. Earlier, the private sector used to account for 90% but now the share of defence public sector units had gone up, he added.

India signed a $374.96-million deal with the Philippines for the supply of three batteries for BrahMos missile. • PTI

While India's defence imports from the U.S. have gone up significantly in recent years, Indian companies have been increasingly becoming part of the supply chains of U.S. defence companies.

Explaining the methodology of accounting the defence exports, Mr. Jaju said only components which needed defence authorisation were accounted, listed under the SCOMET 6 category. So, several aviation components and dual-use items, which did not come under the list, were not counted.

In January, India signed a $374.96-million deal with the Philippines, its single biggest defence export order, for the supply of three batteries of shore-based anti-ship variant of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile.

On July 11, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will inaugurate a symposium and exhibition on "Artificial Intelligence in defence", organised by the Department of Defence Production.

Talking to presspersons, Defence Secretary Dr. Ajay Kumar said 75 newly developed AI products and technologies, having applications in defence, would be launched.

"Nature of modern warfare is changing. AI will play a significant role in all forms of modern warfare," he said.

In 2018, the Defence Ministry had created a task force to work out an action plan to prepare the armed forces for AI and the challenges, he said and based on the feedback of the task force, "lot of work was done."

"These are products that are tried and tested, and have been deployed or in the process of being deployed," Dr. Kumar said.

A high-powered council chaired by Defence Minister, and Defence AI council is spearheading the initiative. In addition to the 75 products to be launched, over 100 products are in process of being developed, he said.

Man seeks NOC to export embryos

He moves Delhi HC over ICMR delay

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A married man has moved the Delhi High Court seeking to expedite the process of obtaining a no-objection certificate (NOC) for exporting embryos to a surrogate mother abroad.

Justice Yashwant Varma issued notice to the Centre, the National Assisted Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy Board (NARTSB), and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) on the plea and posted it for further hearing on July 20.

The man, in his petition filed through advocates Parminder Singh and Vishnu Tallapragada, said he has been regularly following up with the NARTSB and ICMR for over six months for issuance of an NOC for export of his embryos for personal use.

"However, no substantive response has yet been received by the petitioner," Mr. Singh said. He said his client, who wish to remain anonymous for personal reasons, was left with no other alternative but to approach the High Court.

Due to the "unreasonable delay" by the authorities, the original surrogacy agreement the man entered into with a surrogate in California had lapsed, Mr. Singh said. "After great effort, the petitioner was able to renegotiate the said agreement with the surrogate mother. Any further delay in the adjudication of the petitioner's application would cause great prejudice to the petitioner," the plea said.

Mr. Singh submitted that export of embryos from India has been allowed by the Government of India as per June 12, 2020 notification issued by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry. As per the notification, for the purpose of export of embryos from India, the necessary prerequisite is an NOC issued by the ICMR.

No response

Mr. Singh said his client first moved an application on January 18, 2022 before the ICMR seeking the requisite NOC, but, has failed to receive any response. He said the ICMR was deciding such applications based on the "Guidelines for export of Embryos and Gametes" as available on its website. Meanwhile, on January 25, 2022, the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Act, 2021 was brought into force in the country.

Section 229 of the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Act prohibited the transfer or use of gametes, zygotes and embryos, directly or indirectly to any party within or outside India except in the case of transfer of own gametes and embryos for personal use with the permission of NARTSB. Mr. Singh said his client followed up with NARTSB, ICMR and the Centre but no response has been received till date.

KHADC to invite talks on Instrument of Accession

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

A tribal council in Meghalaya has called for a meeting of traditional heads to revisit the Instrument of Accession, that made the Khasi domain a part of the Indian Union seven decades ago.

Meghalaya is divided into three regions dominated by as many matrilineal communities – the Khasis, Garos and Jaintias. The Khasi hills straddle 25 Himas or States that formed the Federation of Khasi States.

Titosstarwell Chyne, the chief executive member of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council (KHADC) agreed that the Instrument of Accession and Annexed Agreement signed with the Dominion of India between December 15, 1947 and March 19, 1948, should be studied. The treaty was signed by Governor General of India, Chakravarti Rajagopalachari, on August 17, 1948.

"Understanding the paragraphs of the agreement is important as many provisions are missing from the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution," Pynshngain N. Syiem, Congress leader in the KHADC, said.

Don't allow manufacture and import of polyester flags: Cong.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Attacking the BJP for not being able to "understand" the value of symbols of India's freedom struggle, the Congress on Friday asked the Narendra Modi government to withdraw the amendments to the National Flag Code that would allow the manufacture and import of flags made of polyester.

Addressing a press conference, Congress leader Ajoy Kumar said the move would facilitate mass import of Indian flags from China at a time when Chinese troops have transgressed into Indian territory in eastern Ladakh.

Dhwaja satyagraha

Mr. Kumar also announced his party's support to the "Dhwaja Satyagraha" announced by the Karnataka Khadi Gramodyoga Samyukta Sangha on July 30 in support of their demands and withdrawal of the amendment to the law.

"By permitting the import of machine-made and imported polyester flags, PM Modi has attacked the essence of khadi and the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi. While ensuring that thousands of workers lose their jobs, he has also made a mockery of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign. The self-styled champion of khadi will preside over the death of khadi, revealing himself to be a Polyester Monopolist," Mr. Kumar told reporters.

Congress communication chief Jairam Ramesh tweeted that those who never participated in the freedom struggle will not understand the nation's relationship with the tricolour.

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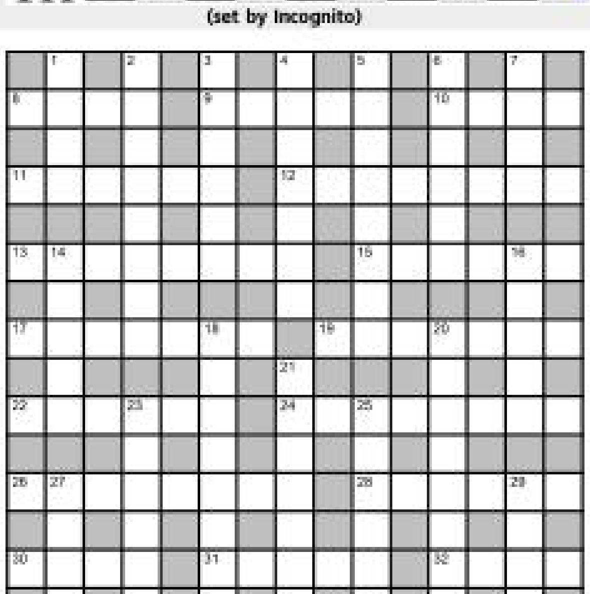

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8 Open mouth gobbles apple pie enchiladas for starters (4)
9 Guide animal, perhaps (5)
10 Bank in Fourviere, Lyon (4)
11 Cover moor after school (6)
12 Takes on board cruiser cruising around middle of Adriatic Sea (8)
13 Remove sailor's booklet (8)
15 A college official consumes head of newt from the South American mountain range (6)
17 Spear alien flying around 5 after commencement of jamboree (7)
19 Churchman takes in Victor in place of Mike, a soldier of the lowest rank (7)
22 Reportedly hawks cycle parts (6)
24 Fans ride rams excitedly (8)
26 What's carried in Spanish trailers at first? Snails? (8)
28 Little dumb about Indian natives at first (6)
30 Flier held by chemotherapist (4)
31 Decreases clubs of a certain type (5)
32 Tuna cooked for relative (4)

Down

1 Bread money (4)
2 Royal Engineers wrongly repeat quick and witty reply (8)
3 A complicated maths problem, perhaps (6)
4 Hide from South Eastern island (7)
5 Without using tenon, North American assembled a piece of furniture (8)
6 Powdered girl has cartridge (6)
7 Site plan (4)
14 Support two (5)
16 Decapitate teacher for flower (5)
18 Mark distilled Sinai gin (8)
20 Stoop in Hanover and Ahmedabad (8)
21 Lag capturing rat running with ring? It can be funny! (7)
23 Indian father in pain (6)
25 Doctor in Siam arranged for cocktail (6)
27 Put an end to return of containers (4)
29 Go down for pool (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Sacrificing for society

Eid-ul-Azha, which falls on this (the 10th) day of the Islamic month of Dhul Hijjah, honours prophets Ibrahim and his first son Ismail – the former for his readiness to sacrifice even his son for God, and the latter for offering himself willingly in fulfillment of his father's divine vision. In commemoration of the selflessness of these prophets, an animal is ritually slaughtered on this day. However, the Koran makes it clear that animal sacrifice is not a propitiatory ritual to appease God. Real sacrifice lies in selflessly committing ourselves to the service of humanity.

The Koran describes the sacrificial animal as hadi (a philanthropic offering) the meat of which is to be distributed among the poor and the needy. For the necessitous seventh-century Arabs, this was the most appropriate benefaction. But today, the best gift would be every little act done to alleviate the economic hardship of societies fighting for survival in the aftermath of a deadly pandemic. Needless to say, in these trying circumstances, nothing would please God more than Muslims minimising their expenditure on ceremonial sacrifices to take care of relatives, friends and neighbours.

Eid-ul-Azha also marks the end of the period of the Haj, which according to the Koran is an occasion for people to assemble and "witness the benefits provided for them" . Put differently, in Haj Muslims have a unique international forum which, after the Haj is performed, may be put to effective use to address global issues. Indeed, the Prophet's historic Last Sermon was delivered during the Haj. This distinctive quality of the Haj to lend itself to both spiritual and mundane interpretations makes it one of Islam's most humanitarian institutions, worthy of celebration on this day.

(A. Faizur Rahman)

How Shinzo Abe restored Japan's global standing

His untimely passing brings down the curtain on the career of a leader who redefined Japanese politics and diplomacy

ANANTH KRISHNAN
BEIJING

During a visit to the United States in February 2013, shortly after becoming Japan's Prime Minister for the second time – a post he would hold longer than any other Japanese leader – Shinzo Abe declared, "Japan is back".

Those three words would come to define Mr. Abe's unique and unparalleled legacy on Japan's politics, both at home and abroad, where he did more than any other Japanese leader to raise Japan's standing on the world's stage.

Mr. Abe's untimely passing on Friday, after being shot by an attacker during a campaign event for a parliamentary election, brings down the curtain on the career of a leader who redefined Japanese politics and diplomacy.

When Mr. Abe first took the top job in 2006, few would have predicted the legacy he would leave behind. His first stint lasted only a year, and he left it as an unpopular leader tainted by political controversies.

Japan's politics, in forever churn, saw numerous leaders come and go, and when Mr. Abe returned for a second innings in 2013, he promised to end the cycle of uncertainty and given Japan a measure of stability that had eluded its political life, as well as restore its image in the world.

On both fronts, he certainly succeeded. Over the subsequent seven years, Mr. Abe, who retired in August 2020 because of health issues, became his country's longest-serving PM.

"Japan is not, and will never be, a tier-two country," he had said in the 2013 speech, outlining three foreign policy priorities. The first was in making Japan a leader in the rules-based order in the Indo-Pacific region, a term that is now in vogue but one that Mr. Abe was among the first to popularise, even invoking it in his 2007 address to the Indian Parliament when he reflected how "the Pacific and the Indian Oceans are now bringing about a dynamic coupling as seas of freedom and of prosperity".

An illustrious career

Born into a prominent political family, **Shinzo Abe,** who was fatally shot at a campaign event on Friday in western Japan, had been the country's longest-serving Prime Minister

Here is a look at some key dates in Abe's life and career

- **Sept. 21, 1954:** Abe is born in Tokyo, the son of Shintaro Abe, who served as Japan's Foreign Minister, and grandson of Nobusuke Kishi, a former Prime Minister
- **1977:** Graduates from Seikei University in Tokyo with a degree in political science, after which he moves to the U.S. to study public policy at the University of Southern California for three semesters
- **1979:** Begins working at Kobe Steel as the firm was expanding its presence abroad
- **1982:** Leaves the company to pursue new positions at the Foreign Ministry and with the ruling Liberal Democratic Party
- **1993:** First elected as an LDP legislator representing the southwestern prefecture of Yamaguchi, Abe, already viewed as a conservative, becomes a member of and eventually leads the party's largest faction, Seiwakai
- **2005:** Abe is appointed Chief Cabinet Secretary under Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi. The same year, he is elected head of the LDP, putting him in line to take over as Prime Minister
- **2006:** Abe becomes Japan's Prime Minister for the first time, overseeing economic reforms while taking a hard line on North Korea and seeking to engage with South Korea and China
- **2007:** Following electoral defeats that saw the LDP lose control of the legislature for the first time in 52 years, Abe resigns as Prime Minister, citing health reasons
- **2012:** After again being elected LDP president, Abe becomes Prime Minister for the second time
- **2013:** Seeking to boost growth, Abe launches his "Abenomics" policies featuring easy lending and structural reforms
- **2014-2020:** Re-elected LDP leader, he serves two additional terms as Prime Minister for a total of four
- **2020:** Announces he will step down as Prime Minister, again citing health reasons
- **July 8, 2022: Abe is fatally shot while giving a speech at a campaign event in the city of Nara**

SOURCE: AP

Global commons

Secondly, he wanted Japan to step up to become "a guardian of the global commons" in an increasingly contested maritime domain, and to work closely with "like-minded democracies", such as the U.S., India, Australia and South Korea.

Indeed, Mr. Abe can be credited with being the most vocal proponent for the Quad, which has now been renewed after years of dormancy.

Japan, he argued, needed to cast away the burden it was still carrying from its Second World War-imposed Pacifist Constitution and assume more security responsibilities, particularly amid rising Chinese influence in Asia. This stand often brought him in the crosshairs of Beijing. Mr. Abe also wanted Japan to be a leader in regional trade.

While he failed to change Article 9 of the Constitution, under his watch, Japan amended laws that will allow its armed forces to be deployed overseas and the military for the first time took part in exercises on foreign soil.

Indeed, he broadly succeeded on all three goals, Hiroyuki Akita, a commentator at Nikkei in Tokyo, told *The Hindu* in an interview at the time of Mr. Abe's retirement. "He made great achievements in foreign and security affairs. In particular, he strengthened the U.S.-Japan alliance significantly, and based on that, he established a base for regional security cooperation by the U.S., Japan, India, and Australia [Quad]."

Deepening relations with India, both on the investment front and through stepped-up security cooperation under the Quad, had been a priority for Mr. Abe's foreign policy, although some initiatives he championed, such as the bullet train corridor, were slow to take off.

Mr. Akita said his other lasting legacy will be his shepherding of the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal, seen as an economic counter to China. "While the Trump administration leaned toward trade protectionism, the Abe administration managed to establish TPP even without the U.S., thereby enabling the Asia Pacific region to somehow maintain a momentum of free trade," he said.

Consequential PM

Richard McGregor, Senior Fellow at the Lowy Institute and author of *Asia's Reckoning: China, Japan, and the Fate of US Power in the Pacific Century*, said, "There is no doubt that Abe has been a hugely consequential Prime Minister, even without achieving two of his main goals, a revision of the country's postwar Constitution and a peace treaty with Russia."

"He has substantially rebuilt relations with Beijing, even as Japan has competed head-on with China on influence and investment in the region, and without conceding on territorial issues. He has also made Japan perhaps the most respected diplomatic player in the Indo-Pacific, which is saying something, given Japan's size relative to the U.S. and China," he said, also speaking to *The Hindu* following Mr. Abe's retirement two years ago.

On China, Mr. Abe was less hawkish than many expected him to be, both home and abroad, as he balanced a fine line between courting China economically while mounting a robust counter to China's deepening influence in the region.

"Diplomatically and economically, he has improved relations with China," said Yoshikazu Kato, an expert on Japan-China relations.

While not budging on Japan's sovereignty, he at the same time made some concessions such as agreeing a four-point consensus on the East China Sea in which, Mr. Kato said, Japan "finally acknowledged territorial disputes existed, which it previously did not".

While Mr. Abe might have changed Japanese foreign policy, it is "an open question to whether he has changed the country itself", said Mr. McGregor.

"There is still little public support for constitutional revision to free up the military, despite rising threats from China and North Korea," he said.

"Japan itself is still caught in the dilemma of many countries in Asia, of relying on an alliance with the U.S. for security, and for its economic future, on China. Japan's choices into the future are only going to get harder."

'A tragedy for Japan and all who knew him'

World leaders condemn Abe killing

Shell-shocked nation: People paying respects in front of a makeshift memorial in Nara on Friday. • AFP

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
TOKYO

World leaders on Friday condemned the assassination of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, while paying tribute to him as a "great" leader.

U.S. President Joe Biden said he was "stunned, outraged, and deeply saddened" by the assassination of Mr. Abe.

"This is a tragedy for Japan and for all who knew him," Mr. Biden said in a statement. "Even at the moment he was attacked, he was engaged in the work of democracy."

"The United States stands with Japan in this moment of grief. I send my deepest condolences to his family."

Former President Barack Obama called Mr. Abe "my friend and long-time partner" and said the slain politician was "devoted to both the country he served and the extraordinary alliance between the United States and Japan".

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson hailed the leadership role taken by the former premier, saying the U.K stood with Japan "at this dark and sad time".

"Incredibly sad news about Shinzo Abe. His global leadership through uncharted times will be remembered by many," Mr. Johnson tweeted.

Russian President Vladimir Putin called the death an "irreplaceable loss". In a telegram to Mr. Abe's family, Mr. Putin called Mr. Abe an "outstanding statesman" who had done a lot to develop "good neighbourly ties between our countries".

South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol termed the killing an "unacceptable act of crime".

French President Emmanuel Macron said "Japan has lost a great Prime Minister". Mr. Abe had "dedicated his life to his country and worked for stability in the world", he said in a tweet.

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz expressed shock and solidarity with Japan over the killing. "The deadly attack on Shinzo Abe has left me aghast and deeply sad," the German leader tweeted. "I extend deep sympathy to his family, my colleague Fumio Kishida and our Japanese friends."

Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who had frequent contact with Mr. Abe for several years while both were still in office, said she was "dismayed" at the news of the "terrible attack on my long-time colleague".

Rishi Sunak launches bid to replace Boris Johnson

Contest timetable may be out next week

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LONDON

Rishi Sunak

British former Finance Minister Rishi Sunak said on Friday he was running to replace Boris Johnson, three days after helping to launch the cascade of resignations that brought the Prime Minister down.

"Someone has to grip this moment and make the right decisions. That's why I'm standing to be the next leader of the Conservative Party and your Prime Minister," Mr. Sunak said in a campaign video released on Twitter.

A field of Conservative candidates seeking to replace departing British Prime Minister Johnson began to take shape on Friday, even as some party lawmakers pushed to get the scandal-tarnished leader out of office before his replacement is elected over the summer.

Party officials on Monday are expected to set out the timetable for a leadership contest, with the aim of having a winner by the end of the summer. The two-step process involves Tory lawmakers voting to reduce the field of candidates to two, who will go to a ballot of all party members.

After Attorney-General Suella Braverman, Tory lawmaker Tom Tugendhat, who chairs the House of Commons' influential Foreign Affairs Committee, also declared he was running,

Former Health Secretary Sajid Javid is also a likely contender, along with Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, Defence Secretary Ben Wallace and Education Secretary Nadhim Zahawi.

Tony Travers, Professor of Government at the London School of Economics, said the party would be seeking a leader "a bit less exciting" than Mr. Johnson. "Less exciting, but competent," he said.

(With Reuters inputs)

Sri Lanka imposes curfew ahead of mass protests

Economic crisis deepens in country

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

The Sri Lankan police on Friday abruptly imposed a curfew in and around capital Colombo, ahead of the mass anti-government protests that various citizens' groups had planned to hold on Saturday.

In a statement issued late on Friday, barely an hour before the curfew came into effect at 9 p.m., the police said residents of Colombo and its immediate suburbs were "strictly advised to remain indoors" during the period of the curfew, which, they said, was indefinite.

The move comes as Sri Lanka witnesses a fresh wave of protests as its economic crisis deepens, putting citizens through enormous hardship. Daily survival has become a battle for scores of families, as they struggle to access essentials, or wait in fuel queues for days together to buy a few litres of rationed petrol or diesel.

Even as demonstrations at 'Gota go gama' [Gota go village] agitation sites in Colombo and across the country continue for months, monks, university teachers and students held protest rallies over the past few days, in the run up to Saturday's mass protests. On Friday, the police used water cannons and tear gas to disperse protesting students.

The UN Human Rights chief urged the government to "show restraint". "Ahead of what is expected to be a large demonstration in Colombo on Saturday, 9 July, we urge Sri Lankan authorities to show restraint in the policing of assemblies and ensure every necessary effort to prevent violence," a spokesperson said in a statement issued from Geneva.

"Police have used tear gas and water cannon at times in an unnecessary and disproportionate manner. On occasions, armed forces have also fired live ammunition. All Sri Lankans have the right of freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and the right to participate in public affairs, which are particularly important in critical phases of the nation's life," the top UN official said.

Impassioned Biden signs order on abortion access

ASSOCIATED PRESS
WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden delivered impassioned remarks on Friday condemning the "extreme" Supreme Court majority that ended a constitutional right to abortion and pleading with Americans upset by the decision to "vote, vote, vote vote" in November. He signed an executive order to try to protect access to the procedure under mounting pressure from fellow Democrats to be more forceful in response to the ruling.

The actions Mr. Biden outlined are intended to mitigate some potential penalties that women seeking abortion may face after the ruling, but his order cannot restore access to abortion in the more than a dozen States where strict limits or total bans have gone into effect.

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TENDER ALERT

1) E-Tender Notice No.TW-IT/OT/03/2022-23: OPTCL Invites bids in e-tender mode only for reputed eligible bidders for **"Procurement of Multi Biometric Attendance System (BAS) machines (Face Recognition System) for OPTCL"** with an estimate cost of Rs. Rs.87,61,500/- (Rupees Eighty Seven Lakh Sixty One Thousand Five Hundred only) Conforming to the terms and conditions mentioned in the tender document. Complete set of bidding documents are available at the tender portal, on **www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** portal and OPTCL's official website: **www.optcl.co.in** from 08-07-2022(10.00 Hrs) up to 28-07-2022(16.00 Hrs).

HIPR-13/2022-23 — Chief General Manager (IT)
CAD-1055 — OIPR-04011/11/0047/2223

Government of Karnataka
Deputy Commissioner office,
(District Urban Development Cell) Haveri Dist,
Haveri-581110 Phone No : 08375-249097
e-mail : dc_haveri@yahoo.co.in
No:Mun04/CMANSP4/TP-4/2022-23 Date : 06-07-2022

E-Procurement Re-Tender Notification

Inviting Item wise two cover tender is called for the mentioned indent No DMA/2022-23/OW/ WORK_INDENT 132638 for TP Hirekerur under 2022-23 Nagarothana Phase 4 works. As per Karnataka Transperency Procurement Port Act 2000, Modification Act 2021.

All the terms and conditions As per (KW-3) pertaining to this tender shall be viewed in the Website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in for further clarifications please contact District Urbon Development Cell Haveri.

DIPR/HVR/MCA/135/2022-23 — **Sd/- Executive Engineer, DUDC, Haveri**

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL AT BENGALURU

In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013
And in the matter of Section 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013
And
In the matter of Scheme of Arrangement
Between
M/s Vee Technologies Private Limited
And
M/s Vee Healthtek Private Limited
CP (CAA) No.18/BB/2022

Vee Technologies Private Limited
No.71, SONA Towers
Millers Road, Bengaluru - 560 052
...Petitioner No. 1/ Demerged Company

And

Vee Healthtek Private Limited
No.71, SONA Towers
Millers Road, Bengaluru - 560 052
...Petitioner No. 2/ Transferee Company

NOTICE

The above C.P. (CAA) No.18/BB/2022 is filed under Sections 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 before the National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench on February 4, 2022. The petition is filed for seeking sanction of the Scheme of Arrangement between M/s Vee Technologies Private Limited (Demerged Company) and M/s Vee Healthtek Private Limited (Transferee Company) which provides for the transfer and vesting of the Healthcare Business Undertaking of the Demerged Company, as a going concern, into the Transferee Company. The said petition is fixed for hearing before the Bengaluru Bench of the National Company Law Tribunal on July 25, 2022.

Any person, who is desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition, should send to the Petitioner Companies' Advocate, notice of his/her intention signed by him/her or his Advocate, with his/her name and address so as to reach the National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench and the Petitioner Companies' Advocate, not later than two days before the date fixed for hearing of the petition. Where he/she seeks to oppose the petition, the grounds of opposition or the copy of the affidavit, shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same, on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Place : Bengaluru
Dated :08-07-2022

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that my client intends to enter into a Joint Development Agreement in respect of the property described in the schedule hereunder with its present owner - **M/s. Rangalakshmi Golden Arcade Pvt. Ltd.,** having its registered office at No.1, 15th Cross, Kilari Road, Bengaluru 560 053 represented by its Managing Director - Mr.A.R.Krishna Kumar, it having acquired title to the same under a Sale Deed dated 26.09.2014 registered as Document No.BNS-1-10288-14-15, Book I, stored in CD No.BNSD331, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar (Banaswadi) Bangalore.

Any person/company/firm/bank/financial institution having or claiming any right, title, estate or interest by way of inheritance, share, sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, tenancy, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, devise, bequest, exchange, pre-emption, possession or encumbrance or otherwise whatsoever into or upon the Schedule Property herein below described, are called upon to intimate the same in writing to the undersigned, at the below given address along with all the supporting documentary evidence relating to such claim within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which any such claim of any party shall be deemed to have been waived for all legal practical purposes and shall not be entertained hereafter and I shall opine that the Schedule Property is free of any claims and my client will be free to proceed with the proposed Joint Development Agreement in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land in **Survey No. 19** measuring 1 acre 1 gunta out of 1 acre 5.5 guntas situated in **Kyalasanahalli Village,** K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk presently within the jurisdiction of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and bearing Khata No. 53 bounded on the;

East : Private property in Sy No. 18/4,
West : BBMP Road,
North : Private property in Sy No. 16,
South : BBMP Road.

Vivek Anand Anthony Britto
Vir Anthony Britto
Advocates
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038
Place: Bengaluru Date: 08.07.2022

Karnataka Public works Department.
Tumkur Division, Karnataka Telephone: 0816-2272479,
No;EE/KPWD/Tmk/JE.3/T.No.12/2022-23 Dt: 04.07.2022

Invitation For Tender (IFT) KW. 3 & 4
e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Government of Karnataka tenders are invited in Two cover system for Class-3 & above Contractors registered in PWD for 26 work under Different Head of accounts in the jurisidiction of Tumkur Division through e-procurement. The dates are published as below. (Max Amount Put to Tender Rs.860.00 Lakhs, Min Amount Put to Tender Rs.60.20 Lakhs, Max EMD Amt Rs.12,90,000/-, Min EMD Amt Rs.1,20,400/-)

1. Last date for tender information queries : **11.08.2022** : 16.00. **2.** Last date for submission of tender : **12.08.2022** : 16.00. **3.** Date of opening the Technical bid : **16.08.2022** : 16.30. **4.** Date of opening the Financial bid : **20.08.2022** : 16.30.

Note: Turnover Certificate without UDI Number will not be considered.

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PWD DIVISION, TUMKUR.
DIPR/TUM/275/MCA/2022-23

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Mode only)
No. 506/BGM/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/C/EE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/F-/2969-79 Date: 08.07.2022

KPTCL invites bids against this office tender indent numbers for the following works.

1). Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/2022-23/TL/ WORK_INDENT9447,** for Shifting of 110kV Line from 220kV Kudachi - Yalaprahatti/ Teradal DC Line which is crossing Primary Urdu Medium School Kudachi by dismantling the existing Line and towers in Raibag Taluk, Belagavi District.

2). Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/2022-23/TL/WORK_INDENT9448,** for Heightening of existing 110kV Mache - Suvarna Soudha & 110kV Mache –Vadagaon DC line passing over the Government Primary school (Kannada / Marathi) near Mache village in Belagavi taluk Belagavi district by dismantling existing Tower 110kV Mache - Suvarna Soudha & 110kV Mache - Vadagaon DC line at Loc No: 45 & 47.

The detailed notification regarding the works called through the "E-procurement" mode can be obtained by logging onto E-procurement's website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **4:00pm on 09.07.2022.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.,),
Transmission(Works & Maintenance) Circle,
KPTCL, Nehru Nagar, Belagavi- 590 010.
Ph.: **0831-2950835, 0831-2950836.**

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Government of Odisha
Tourism Department

No. 5646 /TSM, Bhubaneswar, Dated : 08.07.22
PT1-TCT-TSP-MISC-0079-2022

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR SELECTION OF AGENCY(S) FOR SET UP, OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF ECO RETREATS AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS IN ODISHA FOR A PERIOD OF 4 YEARS (2022-2026)

Department of Tourism (DoT) invites proposals from prospective applicant(s) for Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of agency(s) for set up, operation and management of Eco Retreats at multiple locations in Odisha for a period of 4 Years (2022 - 2026) in accordance with the conditions and manner prescribed in the Request for Proposal (RFP) document.

The Proposals should be submitted by interested parties to the **Director Tourism, Paryatan Bhawan, Lewis Road, Bhubaneswar-751014** on or before **06.08.2022 upto 15:00 Hrs.** The detail terms of RFP may be downloaded from our website: **https://dot.odishatourism.gov.in/?q=tender** .

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Director & Addl. Secretary to Govt.
OIPR-37001/11/0001/2223

MARKET WATCH

	08-07-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	54,482	0.56
US Dollar	79.26	-0.16
Gold	50,613	0.12
Brent oil	106.97	0.65

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	715.70	12.10
Apollo Hosp	3936.15	20.90
Asian Paints	2879.80	-11.60
Axis Bank	669.15	11.00
Bajaj Auto	3825.00	29.50
Bajaj Finserv	12003.10	35.75
Bajaj Finance	5873.20	12.50
Bharti Airtel	695.15	8.35
BPCL	325.30	-4.10
Britannia Ind	3816.95	6.70
Cipla	935.45	0.20
Coal India	189.80	3.80
Divis Lab	3671.30	14.90
Dr Reddys Lab	4406.20	69.75
Eicher Motors	2931.60	-12.60
Grasim Ind	1391.35	16.50
HCL Tech	983.55	-6.30
HDFC	2239.75	-5.80
HDFC Bank	1397.10	1.30
HDFC Life	545.35	-9.25
Hero MotoCorp	2849.30	9.85
Hindalco	357.55	-4.10
Hind Unilever	2496.85	23.90
ICICI Bank	755.70	13.70
Indusind Bank	848.60	-12.40
Infosys	1514.45	15.75
ITC	293.05	1.10
JSW Steel	566.20	-8.40
Kotak Bank	1744.75	6.25
L&T	1687.45	76.35
M&M	1133.60	0.30
Maruti Suzuki	8475.95	-130.45
Nestle India Ltd.	18419.15	214.20
NTPC	143.70	3.25
ONGC	121.50	-2.00
PowerGrid Corp	218.80	6.25
Reliance Ind	2391.40	3.30
SBI Life	1146.90	22.30
State Bank	488.55	1.80
Shree Cement	19932.80	-81.80
Sun Pharma	857.70	8.25
Tata Consumer Products Ltd.	761.40	6.55
Tata Motors	441.55	10.70
Tata Steel	885.90	-14.10
TCS	3265.45	-22.40
Tech Mahindra	1026.50	5.75
Titan	2144.35	16.85
UltraTech Cement	5839.10	0.25
UPL	690.25	7.50
Wipro	419.10	-1.70

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 08

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.05	79.37
Euro	80.14	80.47
British Pound	94.77	95.15
Japanese Yen (100)	58.16	58.41
Chinese Yuan	11.79	11.84
Swiss Franc	80.90	81.24
Singapore Dollar	56.39	56.63
Canadian Dollar	60.86	61.11
Malaysian Ringgit	17.85	17.94
Australian Dollar	53.96	54.23

Source: Indian Bank

Pricol, BMS sign pact on EV batteries

COIMBATORE

Pricol Ltd. will partner France's BMS PowerSafe, a part of Startec Energy Group, to manufacture Battery Management Systems (BMS) for electric vehicles.

TCS Q1 profit rises 5.2%, wage increase hits operating margin

Revenue grows 16.2%, employees receive salary increases of 5-8%

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

India's biggest IT services provider Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. (TCS) said consolidated net profit for the first quarter ended June grew 5.2% from a year earlier to ₹9,478 crore. The company said it would focus on boosting profitability in the coming quarters.

Revenue rose 16.2% to ₹52,758 crore, while growth was 15.5% in constant currency terms. The North America market led with 19.1% constant currency growth while among verticals, the retail segment expanded 25.1%, TCS said in a regulatory filing.

Operating margin shrank by 2.4 percentage points to 23.1%. Noting that the quarter was challenging from a cost management perspective, Samir Seksaria, Chief Financial Officer, said the operating margin "reflected the impact of the annual salary increase, the elevated cost of managing the talent churn and gradually normalising travel expenses".

Hiring apace: Tata Consultancy Services said it planned to recruit more than 40,000 people this fiscal year. • REUTERS

During the quarter, employees received salary increases of 5-8%, with top performers receiving even larger increments.

"However, our longer-term cost structures and relative competitiveness remain unchanged, and position us well to continue on our profitable growth trajectory," Mr. Seksaria said.

The board announced a dividend of ₹8 per share, to be paid on August 3.

Quarter-end headcount was 6,06,331, including net addition of 14,136 people during the three months.

IT services attrition was 19.7% on a trailing 12 months' basis. The firm said it planned to hire more than 40,000 people this year.

"We are starting the new fiscal year on a strong note, with all-round growth and strong deal wins across all our segments," said Rajesh Gopinathan, CEO and MD.

"Pipeline velocity and deal closures continue to be strong, but we remain vigilant given the macro-level uncertainties," he added.

Govt. seeks adviser bids for HZL sale

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The Centre has sought bids from merchant bankers and legal advisers for selling residual government stake of 29.53% in Hindustan Zinc Ltd. (HZL).

"The Government of India intends to disinvest its entire residual shareholding of 29.535% paid up equity capital of HZL through SEBI approved methods in the open market in tranches," the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management said.

The last date for putting in bids by merchant bankers is July 28, while for legal advisers it is July 29.

HZL was a CPSE under the Mines Ministry and was privatised in 2002.

Now, Vedanta Ltd. holds 64.92% in HZL Only 5.5% stake is with the public.

U.S. job growth strong despite cloudy outlook

Unemployment rate steady at 3.6%

REUTERS
WASHINGTON

U.S. employers hired far more workers than expected in June and continued to raise wages at a steady clip, signs of persistent labor market strength that give the Federal Reserve ammunition to deliver another 75-basis-point interest rate increase this month.

The Labor Department's employment report on Friday also showed no indication that companies were reducing hours for workers. Also, the number of people working part time for economic reasons fell sharply, dropping below its pre-pandemic level. This should allay fears of an imminent recession that had mounted in recent days following a raft of tepid economic data, ranging from consumer spending to manufacturing.

"Today's job number should soothe fears of an imminent recession, but it does nothing to relieve fears of considerable further Fed tightening," said Seema Shah, chief global strategist at Principal Global Investors. "The job market remains severely tight."

Nonfarm payrolls rose by 3,72,000 jobs. Employment is now 5,24,000 jobs below its February 2020 level.

June's unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.6%.

BII to invest ₹1,925 crore in M&M's EV unit

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The U.K.'s development finance institution British International Investment (BII) agreed to invest up to ₹1,925 crore in a yet-to-be-incorporated subsidiary of Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. (M&M), codenamed EV Co.

M&M said in a statement that total capital infusion into the unit is likely to be ₹8,000 crore between FY24 and FY27.

M&M will also invest ₹1,925 crore in the venture.

BII's will invest via compulsorily convertible instruments at a valuation of up to ₹70,070 crore, resulting in 2.75-4.76% stake for BII in the unit which will focus on four-wheel passenger electric vehicles.

IndiGo restores flying allowances for cabin crew

Airline also promises more 'days off'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Days after a segment of IndiGo's cabin crew went on mass sick leave sending the airline's flight schedule haywire, the carrier has announced full restoration of their flying allowances to pre-COVID levels from August 1, and added a few other benefits.

IndiGo has assured its cabin crew that they would have the opportunity for lateral movement from smaller ATR planes to Airbus A320neos, as well as six days off in a month instead of the four days off they get now, as per an internal e-mail cited by sources.

IndiGo has revised 'sector pay' for cabin crew or their flying allowance which constitutes a substantial portion of their salary.

Cabin crew went on 'mass leave' to attend recruitment drives conducted by several airlines

Salary would be restored to pre-COVID levels in a graded manner, according to the e-mail.

On July 2, IndiGo's on-time performance was only 45%, with 55% of flights failing to arrive or depart within 15 minutes of the scheduled time. This was due to a big segment of cabin crew reportedly going on 'mass leave' to attend recruitment drives held by rivals, including Air India.

ONGC, OIL win most oil blocks on offer

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

State-owned ONGC, OIL and GAIL walked away with most of the eight blocks offered for exploration and production of oil and gas in the OALP seventh bid round even as the government started the next bidding round, expecting $600-700 million investment in the 10 areas on offer.

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) won three blocks in the OALP-VII round while Oil India Ltd (OIL) won two, according to information posted by the DGH. GAIL walked away with one block in Rajasthan while Sun Petrochemicals Pvt. Ltd. won the remaining two blocks.

Govt. exempts excise on ATF for overseas flights

Airlines had urged rollback of the duty

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Finance Ministry has exempted domestic carriers from paying 11% basic excise duty on aviation turbine fuel (ATF) when it is used to refuel aircraft for international flights, thus restoring parity with foreign carriers.

In a clarification on Thursday, the Ministry said the special additional duty on exports for ATF would not apply "when such goods are cleared for exports or supplied as fuel to foreign-going aircraft".

Domestic airlines had demanded the rollback of the duty after Indian Oil Corp. started levying 11% basic excise duty on ATF used to fuel aircraft operating international flights following the government notification imposing the special additional duty on the export of petroleum products, including ATF, starting July 1.

"The potential levy of excise duty on ATF supplies to a foreign-going aircraft has proactively been exempted... with no excise duty being applicable on such supplies," said Abhishek Jain, Tax Partner at KPMG.

Mills get time till July 20 for sugar exports

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
COIMBATORE

Mills now have time till July 20 to lift sugar for export up to the extent of their export release order (ERO) allocation given last month.

According to an order from the Department of Food and Public Distribution, sugar mills can totally lift eight lakh tonnes of sugar for export before July 20. The mills had time till July 6 and it has been extended to July 20.

"Some quantity was pending or was in transit and hence, the government has given additional 15 days to lift this sugar," he said, Aditya Jhunjhunwala, president of the Indian Sugar Mills' Association, told *The Hindu*,

SPORT

Wasteful India loses to New Zealand

To clash with Spain in crossover for a quarterfinal berth

WORLD CUP

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
AMSTELVEEN

A wasteful India lost 4-3 to New Zealand in its final Pool B match but still remained in contention for a quarterfinal berth of the FIH Women's Hockey World Cup after finishing third in its group here.

New Zealand topped Pool B with seven points ahead of England (4), while India and China finished on two points apiece but progressed on account of a better goal difference.

According to the tournament format, the top four sides from four pools will directly qualify for the quarterfinals, while the second and third placed teams will feature in the crossovers.

The winner of the crossover matches will grab the remaining four quarterfinal spots.

Hemmed in: Despite India's best efforts, it could not get past New Zealand. • FIH

India will play the second placed team of Pool C, co-host Spain, in its crossover match at Terassa on Sunday.

Co-host the Netherlands, New Zealand, Argentina and Australia have directly qualified for the quarterfinals after topping their respective pools.

India should have sealed the game in regulation 60 minutes if not for uncountable missed chances, including as many as 15 penalty corners, out of which it converted just one.

The result: New Zealand 4 (Olivia Merry 12 & 54, Tessa Jopp 29, Frances Davies 32) bt India 3 (Vandana Katariya 4, Lalremsiami 44, Gurjit Kaur 59).

Sarvesh takes Novice category pole

Rajini sets the pace in the Pro-Stock section

MOTORSPORTS

SPORTS REPORTER
CHENNAI

Sarvesh Balappa (Axor Sparks Racing) took the pole position in the Novice (Stock 165cc) category in the second round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2022 at the Madras International Circuit, here on Friday.

Balappa clocked 02mins, 07.613secs in the qualifying session to take P1 for the race on Saturday.

Completing the front row were Md Samrul Zubair (Raceists Motorcycle Club, 02:08.202) and Kayan Zubin Patel (Axor Sparks Racing, 02:08.406).

Earlier, veteran Rajini Krishnan, looking to build on the grand double he scored in the previous round last month, set the pace in the premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc category during Free Practice in the morning.

Sarvesh Balappa.
• SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The defending champion clocked 01:53.569 to edge out Petronas TVS Racing's K.Y. Ahamed (01:53.845) and Deepak Ravikumar (01:54.190).

Provisional results (qualifying - top 3): National Championship - Novice (Stock 165cc): 1. Sarvesh Balappa (Axor Sparks Racing) (2:07.613); 2. Md Samrul Zubair (Raceists Motorcycle Club) (2:08.202); 3. Kayan Zubin Patel (Axor Sparks Racing) (2:08.406).

Support Race - Stock 301-400cc (Novice): 1. Mihir Vijay Sakpal (Winverve Apex Racing Academy) (2:04.119); 2. Jayanth Prathipati (2:04.548); 3. Rohit Lad (2:05.178).

Petronas TVS One-Make Championship - Open (Apache RR 310): 1. Mohan Babu (1:56.054); 2. Kevin Kannan (1:56.333); 3. Rahil Pillarisetty (1:56.358).

Girls (Apache RTR 200): 1. Aditi Krishnan (2:12.532); 2. Renuka Gajendran (2:14.525); 3. Ananya Awasthi (2:15.349).

Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup - Novice (CBR 150): 1. Siddesh Sawant (2:07.859); 2. Raheesh Mudassar Khatri (2:08.094); 3. Harshith V Bogar (2:11.101).

India could tour Australia twice

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MELBOURNE

The Indian team could tour Australia twice in the next Future Tours Programme (FTP) cycle from 2024-2032, with the number of Tests per series increased from the existing four to five.

The current FTP, running from 2018 to 2023, ends with the men's 50-over ICC World Cup, to be played in India in October-November next year.

The full FTP is likely to be formally announced later this month at the ICC's annual meeting in Birmingham on July 25 and 26.

India is set to tour Zimbabwe for a three-match ODI series next month. The games are tentatively scheduled for August 18, 20 and 22.

Australia rides on Labuschagne and Smith's hundreds

Their 134-run stand for the third wicket helps the team end the opening day on 298 for five

AUS IN SL

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
GALLE

Marnus Labuschagne (104) and Steven Smith (109 batting) posted hundreds to help Australia to 298 for five at stumps on day one of the second Test against Sri Lanka on Friday.

Darren Lehmann in 2004 had been the last Australian batter to score a hundred at the spinner-friendly turning tracks in Galle International Stadium.

Labuschagne, who was given a life on 28 when Niroshan Dickwella missed a stumping chance off Ramesh Mendis, posted his seventh Test hundred and the first overseas while Smith hit his 28th Test hundred and the second against Sri Lanka.

The pair added 134 runs for the third wicket in 223 deliveries as Australia consolidated its position. The stand was eventually broken when Dickwella completed a stumping with Labuschagne on 104 to give left-arm spinner Prabath Jayasuriya his maiden Test wicket. He faced 125 deliveries and hit 12 fours.

Australia, which won the toss, lost two quick wickets after Labuschagne's dismissal as Jayasuriya made an impact.

The left-arm spinner's first 12 overs had cost 54 runs and fetched no wicket but his next 10 overs produced three wickets for 22 runs as Sri Lanka staged a comeback.

Travis Head was bowled for 12, while Cameron Green, was trapped leg-before-wicket for four.

SCOREBOARD

Australia — 1st innings: Usman Khawaja b R. Mendis 37, David Warner b Rajitha 5, Marnus Labuschagne st Dickwella b Jayasuriya 104, Steve Smith (batting) 109, Travis Head b Jayasuriya 12, Cameron Green lbw b Jayasuriya 4, Alex Carey (batting) 16; Extras (b-1, lb-6, nb-3, w-1): 11; Total (for five wkts. in 90 overs): 298.

Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-70, 3-204, 4-238, 5-252.

Sri Lanka bowling: Rajitha 19-4-56-1, R. Mendis 28-1-100-1, Theekshana 15-2-45-0, Jayasuriya 28-2-90-3.

Toss: Australia.

Batting mainstays: Smith and Labuschagne joined hands to propel Australia to a position of strength. • AFP

Colonel Harty primed to deliver

BENGALURU: Colonel Harty, who has been well tuned, is expected to score in the Justice P. Medapa Memorial Trophy (Div. I), (1,200m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Saturday (July 9). False rails (width about 6.5m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 AUREOLE TIME PLATE (DIV. II), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 2-30 p.m.: 1. Fictioneer (1) Vishal B 60, 2. Striking Memory (9) G. Vivek 60, 3. Electric Blue (5) Akshay K 59, 4. Brooklyn Supreme (7) Chethan K 57, 5. Pastiche (6) Darshan 57, 6. Stunning Beauty (8) Arvind K 57, 7. Toronero (2) L.A. Rozario 57, 8. Mr Humble (4) P. Surya 56.5 and 9. Artesian (3) Saddam H 56.

1. ELECTRIC BLUE, 2. TORONERO, 3. STRIKING MEMORY

2 AMAZING GRACE PLATE (1,600m), rated 00 to 25, 5-y-o & over, 3-00: 1. Altamonte (4) Salman K 62.5, 2. Eco Friendly (5) Arvind K 62.5, 3. Mrs Thatcher (6) Nikhil N 60, 4. Commandpost (3) Angad 59, 5. He's The One (7) S. Saqlain 58.5, 6. Golden Time (8) Darshan 58, 7. Russian Romance (9) C.S. Jodha 57.5, 8. Adela (1) Vivek 57 and 9. Capital Gain (2) T.S. Jodha 57.

1. ECO FRIENDLY, 2. CAPITAL GAIN, 3. RUSSIAN ROMANCE

3 S.G. MADHUKAR MEMORIAL CUP (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 3-30: 1. English Bay (2) T.S. Jodha 56, 2. Splendido (4) Nikhil N 56, 3. Blue Dew (1) Bhawani S 54.5, 4. Capriati (5) Trevor 54.5, 5. Double Vision (11) Darshan 54.5, 6. Emma (8) Likith 54.5, 7. Fair Counsel (6) Ashhad A 54.5, 8. Montelena (9) P.S. Chouhan 54.5, 9. Oasis Class (10) Kirtish B 54.5, 10. Secret Lady (7) Akshay K 54.5 and 11. Sheer Bliss (3) Vinod Shinde 54.5.

1. MONTELENA, 2. SPLENDIDO, 3. CAPRIATI

4 JUSTICE P. MEDAPA MEMORIAL TROPHY (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 4-00: 1. Colonel Harty (7) Angad 62.5, 2. Griffin (5) L.A. Rozario 61, 3. Thousand Words (3) Akshay K 57.5, 4. Golden Vision (4) Yash 57, 5. Kvasir (1) Salman K 56.5, 6. Secretsuperstar (6) Chethan K 56.5, 7. Fernet Branca (2) Ajinkya 54.5, 8. Del Mar (8) Ashhad A 53.5 and 9. Aceros (9) Vinod Shinde 51.5.

1. COLONEL HARTY, 2. DEL MAR, 3. THOUSAND WORDS

5 SKYLINE PLATE (1,800m), rated 20 to 45, 4-30: 1. Measure Of Time (2) T.S. Jodha 62, 2. Star Comet (3) Akshay K 59.5, 3. Lycurgus (4) Arvind K 57, 4. Augusto (1) L.A. Rozario 56.5 and 5. Banksy (5) Sandesh 55.

1. BANKSY, 2. STAR COMET

6 JUSTICE P. MEDAPA MEMORIAL TROPHY (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 5-00: 1. Alberetta (1) Salman K 60, 2. Donna Bella (5) Srinath 58, 3. Harmonia (8) Md. Aliyar 58, 4. Unyielding (6) Ajinkya 57.5, 5. Wings Of Desire (3) Trevor 57.5, 6. Indian Pharaoh (4) Chethan K 57, 7. The Strength (7) Arvind K 55.5, 8. Three Aces (2) S. Saqlain 55.5 and 9. Almanach (9) P. Surya 54.5.

1. WINGS OF DESIRE, 2. UNYIELDING, 3. DONNA BELLA

7 AUREOLE TIME PLATE (DIV. I), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 5-30: 1. Memoriter (5) Chethan K 61, 2. Dragon's Gold (1) Ajinkya 60.5, 3. Smithsonian (8) A. Imran 60, 4. Casey (2) Darshan 58.5, 5. Dr Logan (3) Anjar A 57.5, 6. Aferpi (7) Rajesh K 57, 7. Belvedere (6) Akshay K 56.5 and 8. Osiris (4) Arvind K 54.

1. DRAGON'S GOLD, 2. BELVEDERE, 3. CASEY

Day's best: **ELECTRIC BLUE**
Double: **MONTELENA — DRAGON'S GOLD**
Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

All-round Hardik proves too hot for England

He is only the fourth player from full-member nations to score a fifty and take four wickets in a T20I; India goes 1-0 up

Stellar show: Hardik's firebrand cricket was instrumental in India's thumping victory over England. • REUTERS

INDIA IN ENG

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SOUTHAMPTON

Hardik Pandya reigned supreme with one of the finest all-round performances in recent times as India outplayed England to emerge winner by 50 runs in the first T20I here on Thursday.

The swashbuckling all-rounder led India's aggressive batting display with a blistering 33-ball 51, propelling the visitors to 198 for eight after they opted to bat.

This was Hardik's first T20I half-century, helping India score at a brisk pace in the middle overs after Rohit Sharma (24, 14b, 5x4), Deepak Hooda (33, 17b, 3x4, 2x6) and Suryakumar Yadav (39, 19b, 4x4, 2x6) set it up with their enterprising knocks.

Hardik then finished with excellent figures of four for 33, destroying England's batting with his full quota of four overs. He became only the fourth player from full-member nations to score a fifty and take four wickets in a T20I match. England's innings ended at 148.

Hardik delivered with the ball in his very first over not once, but twice, removing Dawid Malan and Liam Livingstone to leave England in a disarray at 29 for three in the fifth over.

He then ended Roy's painstaking stay when he had the opener caught at third-man off a thick edge. He capped a memorable outing by taking the wicket of Sam Curran.

Earlier, India had a dream start as Bhuvneshwar Kumar bowled skipper Jos Buttler with a beautiful inswinger, having tested Jason Roy with four outswingers.

Harry Brook (28) and Moeen Ali (36) tried to revive England in the middle overs but both fell to the leg-spin of Yuzvendra Chahal.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA

Rohit Sharma c Buttler b Moeen 24 *(14b, 5x4)*, Ishan Kishan c Parkinson b Moeen 8 *(10b)*, Deepak Hooda c Mills b Jordan 33 *(17b, 3x4, 2x6)*, Suryakumar Yadav c Buttler b Jordan 39 *(19b, 4x4, 2x6)*, Hardik Pandya c Brook b Topley 51 *(33b, 6x4, 1x6)*, Axar Patel c Roy b Parkinson 17 *(12b, 3x4)*, Dinesh Karthik c Curran b Mills 11 *(7b, 2x4)*, Harshal Patel run out 3 *(6b)*, Bhuvneshwar Kumar (not out) 1 *(1b)*, Arshdeep Singh (not out) 2 *(1b)*; Extras (b-1, lb-2, w-6): 9; Total (for eight wkts. in 20 overs): 198.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-29 (Rohit, 2.5 overs), 2-46 (Kishan, 4.5), 3-89 (Hooda, 8.4), 4-126 (Suryakumar, 11.4), 5-171 (Axar, 16.4), 6-180 (Hardik, 17.4), 7-195 (Karthik, 19.3), 8-195 (Harshal, 19.4).

ENGLAND BOWLING

Curran 2-0-18-0, Topley 4-0-34-1, Moeen 2-0-26-2, Mills 3-0-35-1, Parkinson 4-0-44-1, Jordan 4-0-23-2, Livingstone 1-0-15-0.

ENGLAND

Jason Roy c Harshal b Hardik 4 *(16b)*, Jos Buttler b Bhuvneshwar 0 *(1b)*, Dawid Malan b Hardik 21 *(14b, 4x4)*, Liam Livingstone c Karthik b Hardik 0 *(3b)*, Harry Brook c Suryakumar b Chahal 28 *(23b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Moeen Ali st. Karthik b Chahal 36 *(20b, 4x4, 2x6)*, Sam Curran c Karthik b Hardik 4 *(4b)*, Chris Jordan (not out) 26 *(17b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Tymal Mills c & b Harshal 7 *(8b, 1x6)*, Reece Topley c Karthik b Arshdeep 9 *(8b, 1x4)*, Matt Parkinson c Hooda b Arshdeep 0 *(3b)*; Extras (lb-8, w-5): 13; Total (in 19.3 overs): 148.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-1 (Buttler, 0.5 overs), 2-27 (Malan, 4.2), 3-29 (Livingstone, 4.6), 4-33 (Roy, 6.1), 5-94 (Brook, 12.1), 6-100 (Moeen, 12.5), 7-106 (Curran, 13.5), 8-120 (Mills, 15.6), 9-135 (Topley, 17.6).

INDIA BOWLING

Bhuvneshwar 3-0-10-1, Arshdeep 3.3-1-18-2, Hardik 4-0-33-4, Harshal 3-0-24-1, Chahal 4-0-32-2, Axar 2-0-23-0.

Toss: India.

Man-of-the-Match: Hardik.

India won by 50 runs to take a 1-0 lead in three-match series.

Second T20I: July 9 (Saturday), Birmingham, 7 p.m. IST.

I have learnt to live a neutral life, says Hardik

'My mindset doesn't take me high or low'

Sparks fly: Hardik let his bat do the talking. • REUTERS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SOUTHAMPTON

Success and failure have stopped influencing star all rounder Hardik Pandya, who has learnt to live a "neutral life" with clarity.

"Hardwork always pays. I always believe that if you do hardwork with good intention, it pays. My point is how to prepare myself best. One day result will go my side, other day it won't," Hardik said at the post-match press conference.

"My mindset doesn't take me too high, neither low. I have learnt to live neutral in life. Today was a good day, tomorrow can be bad but life moves on, so keep laughing and do your hardwork."

Always clear

Hardik said he is always clear about his life and whenever gets off the track, he has a good support system to bring him in line.

"Clarity has always been there in my life. Whenever I felt that there is no clarity in my life, I always take time off and try to identify and rectify it. I don't like to do things in a hurry. Leave batting and bowling, in general life clarity is important.

"For me my support system is very strong. My family is very important for me. That also bring clarity. When I am little confused there is Krunal, my sister-in-law, my wife is there. Such a strong bonding we share that if I deviate a little they kind of bring me back," he said.

Hardik said he is currently not thinking much about playing Test cricket.

With the T20 World Cup to be held in Australia in October-November and the next ODI World Cup at home next year, the Indian team is prioritising white-ball cricket over Tests.

Kohli back amid mounting pressure

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BIRMINGHAM

Star India batter Virat Kohli would be desperate to come out of his prolonged lean patch when he makes his T20I return after five months with the second game against England, here on Saturday.

Kohli, who last played a T20I in February, has featured in only two games since India's underwhelming campaign in the T20 World Cup in October-November when he was captain of the national side.

Far from his best

The only T20 cricket he played since then was in the IPL but he was far from his best.

Kohli and other seniors getting frequents break as part of the team's rest and rotate policy gave opportunity to fringe players like Deepak Hooda, who will be difficult to drop on Saturday after the performances he has come up with.

Batting at Kohli's position, Hooda has made a big impact and also showed ominous form in the series opener against England, scoring a 17-ball 33.

Course correction: Kohli will look to swing things in his favour. • GETTY IMAGES

With Kohli expected to take another break for the five T20s against the West Indies, the two games against England assume more importance as far as his future in the T20I set up is concerned.

The teams (from):

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Ishan Kishan, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Shreyas Iyer, Dinesh Karthik, Rishabh Pant (wk), Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Ravi Bishnoi, Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Avesh Khan, Harshal Patel and Umran Malik.

England: Jos Buttler (Capt.), Moeen Ali, Harry Brook, Sam Curran, Richard Gleeson, Chris Jordan, Liam Livingstone, Dawid Malan, Tymal Mills, Matthew Parkinson, Jason Roy, Phil Salt, Reece Topley and David Willey.

Match starts at 7 p.m. (IST)

What the doctor ordered for Women in Blue

Harmanpreet shines as captain; other positives too in post-Mithali era

INDIA IN SL

P.K. AJITH KUMAR

Harmanpreet Kaur could barely put a foot wrong in Sri Lanka. Not merely did she lead the Women in Blue from the front, but she came up with a stunning individual performance as well.

Player-of-the-series

She won the player-of-the-series awards in both ODIs and T20Is.

That this was her first series after being named as India's ODI captain, following the retirement of Mithali Raj, makes the feat even more significant. Granted, it was only the neighbouring island India defeated, and not a more formidable rival like Australia or England, but this successful tour was what the doctor ordered for the team after the disappointment at the World Cup in New Zealand. And Mithali wasn't the only experienced campaigner that didn't travel to Sri Lanka.

In the absence of Jhulan Goswami and Shikha Pandey, the seam attack may have looked a bit inexperienced. But, Renuka Singh, Pooja Vastrakar and Meghna Singh delivered.

The tour also saw Pooja making progress as an all-rounder. It was her unbeaten 56 in the final ODI and the 97-run stand for the seventh-wicket with Harmanpreet that helped India recover, and complete the clean sweep in the three-game series. She makes the lower order stronger.

The top-order also performed commendably. Though the space left behind by Mithali is large, Smriti Mandhana, Shafali Verma and Harmanpreet ooze class, and they all were amongst the runs. The other quality batter, Jemimah Rodrigues, returned to the blue jersey with a good show in the T20Is.

Rich vein of form

The captain was fantastic right through, with scores of 22, 31 not out and 39 not out in the T20Is and 44 and 75 in the ODIs. Surely, Harmanpreet loves to lead.

There was no need for her to bat in the second ODI, in which Smriti and Shafali amassed 174 for the opening wicket in just 25.4 overs.

The way Shafali curtailed her aggression and paced the innings must have gladdened the team management.

It also would have liked the way Harmanpreet used Shafali and other part-time bowlers, including herself. A great start indeed it is for her as a captain, that too with the Commonwealth Games just three weeks away.

India-Sri Lanka ODI series in numbers

BATTING	Inns	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	50s
Shafali Verma	3	155	71*	77.50	96.27	1
Nilakshi de Silva	3	123	48*	61.50	66.84	0
Harmanpreet Kaur	2	119	75	59.50	78.80	1

BOWLING	Inns	Wkts	BBI	Avg	Econ	4W
Renuka Singh	3	7	4/28	12.85	3.75	1
Deepti Sharma	3	6	3/25	17.00	3.80	0
Inoka Ranaweera	3	6	4/39	17.16	3.96	1

Aishwarya loses to Rupal and Priya

STAN RAYAN

Aishwarya Mishra, Asia's fastest quartermiler this year with 51.18s at the Federation Cup in Malappuram in April, could only clock 53.80s in the AFI's World Championships trials in Patiala on Friday.

The trials for the upcoming under-20 World Championships were also held simultaneously in Patiala on Friday and Aishwarya finished third behind juniors Rupal Chaudhary (52.56s) and Priya H. Mohan (52.72).

It was the second trial for Aishwarya who had qualified for the World Championships (Oregon, USA from July 15) earlier with her 51.18. She had clocked 53.15s in the first trial held recently in Thiruvananthapuram. The AFI had wanted her to clock a time around 52s to be cleared for the Worlds.

Long jumper Jeswin Aldrin had a best of 7.93m on Friday. He fouled four of his six attempts, with the only other legal effort being 7.67m.

The AFI had set a target of 8.10m for Aldrin to be cleared for the Worlds. He had jumped 7.99m in the first trial in Thiruvananthapuram.

IN BRIEF

Pogacar takes first mountain stage

PLANCHER-LES-MINES (FRANCE)

Defending champion Tadej Pogacar overtook the last of a breakaway and his key rival Jonas Vingegaard in a last-gasp burst atop the La Super Planche des Belles Filles in the Vosges, the first mountain stage on the Tour de France this year. AFP

Gukesh triumphs

GIJON (SPAIN)

India's D. Gukesh won the Gijon Chess Masters here on Friday, with eight points out of nine rounds. In the last round, Gukesh drew with Cuba's GM Martinez Duany. GM Alexandr Fier of Brazil finished second with 6.5 points while IM Pedro Antonio Gines of Spain came third, scoring six points.

Djokovic stutters before taking control

The Serb loses the first set to Norrie, but fights back to set up a Kyrgios clash

Business as usual: Once Djokovic won the second set, it was one-way traffic. • GETTY IMAGES

REUTERS
LONDON

Top seed Novak Djokovic set up a blockbuster Wimbledon final against Nick Kyrgios after recovering from a torrid start to overwhelm Great Britain's Cameron Norrie 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 on Friday.

For an hour on a sun-baked Centre Court, an inspired ninth seed Norrie outshone the 20-time Grand Slam champion and looked capable of a huge upset in his first Major semifinal.

The partisan home crowd roared its approval as Norrie capitalised on a rash of Djokovic errors to win five successive games and take the opening set.

Djokovic, bidding for a fourth successive Wimbledon title and seventh overall, soon settled down into his rhythm and gradually seized the initiative.

From the moment the Serbian broke Norrie's serve in the eighth game of the second set, it was largely one-way traffic.

Norrie battled hard in the fourth set as the crowd found its voice again but ultimately could not resist Djokovic's march into a men's record 32nd Grand Slam final.

Australian Kyrgios, handed a walkover in the semifinal by injured Spaniard Rafael Nadal, now stands between the 35-year-old Djokovic and a 21st Grand Slam title.

Kyrgios was at dinner when he found out his scheduled semifinal showdown on Friday against Nadal had been cancelled, with the 22-time Grand Slam champion forced to pull out due to a tear in his abdominal muscle.

"It's not the way I wanted to get to the final," Kyrgios said. "As a competitor, I really did want that match. We've both taken a win against each other at this tournament. I really did want to see how the third chapter was going to go.

"Obviously you never want to see someone like that, so important to the sport, go down with an injury like that.

"He's had a gruelling season. I just hope he recovers. I'm sure I'll play him again on a big stage."

The ultimate face-off

Tunisian Jabeur vs Kazakh Rybakina

A shot at history: Come Saturday, Jabeur or Rybakina will become their country's first Grand Slam champion. • AP

ASSOCIATED PRESS
LONDON

The names and faces of the star players at Wimbledon didn't matter to Elena Rybakina when she was a child. The majesty of the tournament made pretty a big impression, though.

"As a kid, I don't remember exactly who was playing, but when Wimbledon was on TV, it was always traditional white. I remember that well," Rybakina said.

Rybakina is one match away from winning a Grand Slam for the first time in what will be her first Major final; so is her opponent Ons Jabeur – the first Arab woman and first African woman to reach this stage at a Slam.

"I want to go bigger, inspire many more generation (s)," Jabeur said. "Tunisia is connected to the Arab world, is connected to the African continent. ... I want to see more players from my country, from the Middle East, from Africa."

A win for either Rybakina or Jabeur on Saturday will also be a first Grand Slam title won by a player from their respective countries.

Verstappen on pole for sprint race

REUTERS
SPIELBERG BEI KNITTELFELD

Red Bull's Formula One championship leader Max Verstappen took pole position for Saturday's Austrian Grand Prix sprint race after Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton and George Russell crashed in qualifying.

The Dutch driver took the top spot with a time of 1m 04.984s, with Ferrari's Charles Leclerc 0.029s slower. Ferrari's Carlos Sainz will start third on Saturday in a race that will determine the starting grid for Sunday's main race.

Hamilton and Russell triggered a tense final two minutes bringing out red flags in quick succession during the decisive final phase. Hamilton will start 10th with Russell fifth.

Prannoy bests Tsuneyama for semifinal spot

Tzu Ying gets the better of Sindhu for seventh straight time

MALAYSIA MASTERS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KUALA LUMPUR

H.S. Prannoy edged out Japan's Kanta Tsuneyama to progress to the semifinals but P.V. Sindhu couldn't find a way to get past her nemesis Tai Tzu Ying at the Malaysia Masters Super 500 tournament here on Friday.

Prannoy, a former top 10 player, continued his consistent run and weathered the storm against World No. 14 Tsuneyama to emerge victories 25-23, 22-20 in the 60-minute quarterfinal clash, which ebbed and flowed throughout.

One of the heroes of India's monumental Thomas Cup win in May, Prannoy will next face Hong Kong's NG Ka Long Angus, seeded 8th, in the last four.

Falling short

A week after being outwitted by Tai Tzu Ying at Malaysia Open, seventh seed Sindhu once again fell short against the world No. 2 Taiwanese, losing 13-21, 21-12, 12-21 in a 55-minute contest.

It was Sindhu's 17th career defeat to the Tokyo Olympics silver medallist, who has prevailed over the Indian in all their last seven meetings. The last time Sindhu had defeated Tzu Ying was en route to her 2019 World Championship gold in Basel, Switzerland.

The results (quarterfinals): Men: H.S. Prannoy bt Kanta Tsuneyama (Jpn) 25-23, 22-20. **Women:** Tai Tzu Ying (Tpe) bt P.V. Sindhu 21-13, 12-21, 21-12.

Pulling through: Prannoy prevailed in an intense battle with Tsuneyama. • AFP

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LIVE TELECAST

Sri Lanka vs Australia: 2nd Test, day 2, Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD), Sony LIV, 10 a.m.
Badminton: Malaysia Masters: Sports 18-1 & Voot Select, 10.30 a.m.
Wimbledon: SS Select 1 & 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6 p.m.
England vs India: 2nd T20I, Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 7 p.m.
F1: Austrian GP (Sprint Qualifying), SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8 p.m.
F2: Sprint Qualifying, SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 p.m.

West Indies sweeps series

CRICKET

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PROVIDENCE, GUYANA

Captain Nicholas Pooran was at his devastating best in blazing the West Indies to a comfortable five-wicket win over Bangladesh in the third and final T20I at the Guyana National Stadium on Thursday.

The hosts reached 169 for five with 10 balls to spare to take the series 2-0.

The scores: Bangladesh 163/5 in 20 overs (Afif Hossain 50, Liton Das 49, Hayden Walsh 2/25) lost to West Indies 169/5 off 18.2 overs (Nicholas Pooran 74 n.o., Kyle Mayers 55, Nasum Ahmed 2/44).

Toss: Bangladesh

West Indies won match by five wickets and series 2-0.

Pooran smashed five sixes and five fours. • AFP

Tamanna in quarterfinals

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Haryana's Tamanna entered the women's 50kg quarterfinals of the 5th National youth boxing championships here on Friday with a unanimous win over Manipur's Bandana Kayenpaibam.

Vanshaj and Vishwanath scripted wins in the opening round. Vanshaj put up a powerful performance to secure an RSC win over Rajasthan's Sankalp Lavaniya in the 63.5kg category. Vishwanath set the tone for SSCB with RSC win against Gujarat's Dhaval Raval in the 48kg.

Haryana's Neeru Khatri blanked Andhra Pradesh's Sravana Sandhya Kampara 5-0 in the 54kg.

Prachi (60kg) and Ravina (63kg) were the other two from Haryana to progress into the quarterfinals with Referee Stopping Contest (RSC) wins over Delhi's Chanchal Neem and Gujarat's Yashvi Patel.

Yuki-Saketh duo in final

SPORTS BUREAU

Yuki Bhambri and Saketh Myneni defeated Marek Gengel and Patrik Niklas-Salminen 6-4, 7-6(4) to enter the final of the €45,730 Challenger in Porto on Friday.

In the $53,120 Challenger in Bogota, top seeds Sriram Balaji and Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan were beaten 7-6(2), 3-6, [6-10] by Nicolas Mejia and Andres Urrea in the quarterfinals.

Other result: $15,000 ITF men, Monastir: Quarterfinals: Sai Karteek Reddy Ganta & Manish Sureshkumar bt Ken Cavrak & Alexander Crnokrak (Aus) 6-4, 6-4; Guy Orly Iradukunda (Bdi) & Karan Singh bt Robin Bertrand & Mathieu Scagila (Fra) 6-3, 3-6, [11-9].

Increased prize money for Maharaja's Gold Cup

Eight best four-year-olds will compete in the iconic event on Sunday

RACING

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BENGALURU

The Maharaja's Gold Cup, with an increased total prize money of ₹50 lakh, will be held at Bangalore Turf Club (BTC) here on Sunday.

This edition of one of the oldest races in India is co-sponsored by Zavaray Poonawalla.

"The Maharaja's Gold Cup was the most iconic event in Indian racing. The Derby came later.

"We want to bring back the iconic status associated with the Maharaja's Gold Cup. The Maharajas in the 19th century instituted the race at the Agram Ground, which was later run at the current BTC premises.

BTC chairman K. Uday Eswaran with the Maharaja's Gold Cup. • K. MURALI KUMAR

"Records show that the winner's prize money for the Maharaja's Gold Cup back then was ₹2,000, which was a humungous amount at the time," BTC Chairman Uday Eswaran said at a press conference here on Friday.

"We have the eight best four-year-olds in the country competing in this race. It will be a fantastic race," Eswaran said.

Increased stakes

"The stake money for a prestigious race like The Maharaja's Gold Cup was so small. We have brought it back to a high level now with the increased stake money," Eswaran added.

- It is the only graded race in the country run over 2,200 metres
- The trophy will be presented by Pramoda Devi Wadiyar

"The Maharaja's Gold Cup is the only graded race in the country run over 2,200 metres. It's great to see the race back in a stronger avatar. It would have been a tragedy to see this race languish and fade away," said BTC steward Naval Narielwalla.

The traditionally-styled trophy, which was unveiled at the press conference, will be presented by Pramoda Devi Wadiyar.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Niranjan stars with bat and ball as Cavaliers beats Hanumanthnagar

N. Niranjan's all-round effort (48 & 3/19) helped Cavaliers CC hammer Hanumanthnagar CC by 190 runs in the KSCA (Group I) third division league.

The scores:

Dooravani Cricketers (1) 215/9 in 50 overs (Sourabh Manohar Naik 25, B. Harsha 34, Md Khaiser 66 n.o., N. Bharath 3/42) lost to Century Cricketers 216/7 in 45.1 overs (S.P. Manjunath 68, C.K. Akshay 49 n.o.).

Cavaliers CC 270 in 50 overs (Hardik R.Suvarna 34, N. Niranjan 48, B.V. Shashank 51, Akshay Patil 56 n.o., R. Rahul 4/51, S. Mithun 3/59) bt Hanumanthnagar CC 80 in 23.5 overs (Sarafraj M. Ilabad 43, Shubham Panday 4/12, N. Niranjan 3/19).

Engrades CC 208 in 46.4 overs (Karna Surya Vamshi 37, Murali 27, R. Yuvraj 55, Manish Upadhyay 26, H.S. Sumanth Bharadwaj 3/38) bt RVCE 165 in 41.3 overs (H.S. Sumanth Bharadwaj 29, N. Shreyas 31, K.B. Vivek 26, Balu Dilip Kumara 4/34).

Abhirami nets four as LDSB outshines Glittering Stars

Abhirami Vadivel scored four goals as Legends De Sporting Bengaluru (LDSB) blanked GRK Glittering Stars FC 9-0 in the KSFA Women's B-division league on Friday.

The results: Legends De Sporting Bengaluru 9 (Sandya 11, D. Swetha 14, 18, C. Ruba Sree 20, 39, Abhirami Vadivel 31, 32, 34, 37) bt GRK Glittering Stars FC 0; Young Star FC 1 (Sudha Rani 5) bt Technico Football Foundation FC 0.

Champions CA's rapid chess tournament on July 31

Champions Chess Academy will conduct a rapid chess tournament in the under-16 and 10 categories on July 31. Entries close on July 29. Contact: Balakrishna Prabhu at 98454 66416 / 080-29900046.

KSFA Referee Committee's course from tomorrow

The Karnataka State Football Association Referee Committee will conduct a beginner's course for football referees from July 10.

Those interested can contact Balasubramaniam (99863 30510) or G. Murty (80735 15202).

Naeem 'tricks in AGORC's big win over Postal

Naeem performed a hat-trick as AGORC thrashed Postal 7-1 in the Hockey Karnataka League Championship on Friday.

The results:

SAI 3 (M.K. Chethan 10, Akhil Aiyappa 19, Reddy Kiran 55) bt DYES-B 1 (Nithin 31).

AGORC 7 (Nithin Thimmaiah 14, Chiranth Somanna 18, Naeem 24, 50, 59, M.B. Aiyappa 37, Jayaprakash 52) bt Postal 1 (V.M. Ajith 11).

Blatter and Platini acquitted

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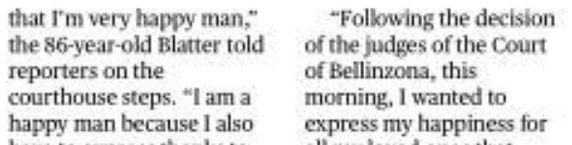
BELLINZONA (SWITZERLAND)

Sepp Blatter and Michel Platini were acquitted on charges of defrauding FIFA by a Swiss criminal court on Friday, a rare positive outcome for the pair who were among soccer's most powerful figures before being embroiled in corruption investigations.

The case was centered around a $2 million payment from FIFA to Platini with Blatter's approval in 2011, for work done a decade earlier. The verdict followed an 11-day trial last month at the Federal Criminal Court of Switzerland in Bellinzona.

"First of all, I have to say that I'm very happy man," the 86-year-old Blatter told reporters on the courthouse steps. "I am a happy man because I also have to express thanks to the court today, to this city, for people in the court, the way they have analyzed the situation and they have explained why both of us we haven't done anything."



Thumbs-up: Blatter and Platini are all smiles after the verdict. • AFP

"Following the decision of the judges of the Court of Bellinzona, this morning, I wanted to express my happiness for all my loved ones that justice has finally been done after seven years of lies and manipulation," Platini said. "The truth has come to light during this trial."

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